

Gov't stand on peace talks: No Salamat, no thanks

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'2 Wongs' can't make it white; Asians file suit



SAN FRANCISCO—Anthony Ocampo, a Filipino-American who recently graduated from Stanford University, applied for a job at a store of clothing retailer Abercrombie & Fitch where he previously worked.

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Get tough on Burma, US urges Asean Forum

PHNOM PENH—US Secretary of State Colin Powell yesterday urged 22 nations in the Asia-Pacific region to join the United States in pressing North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions and Burma (Myanmar) to embrace democratic reforms.

North Korea's nuclear drive and Burma's detention of pro-democracy leaders.

GET TOUGH/A4

GMA takes charge of anti-drug drive

Corpus: I'm monitoring nat'l figure

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Gil Cabacungan Jr.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF is taking a direct hand in the crack-down on drug syndicates in the country.

"I shall be personally monitoring the anti-drug campaign and I would like to see strategic results. This means the neutralization of top syndicates and the arrest of their leaders," President Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday.

The President, who just returned from an eight-day visit to Mindanao the previous night, said the government would undertake "a focused campaign" against drug pushers, dealers and patrons in government, especially those in uniform.

"Drug lords, however high in the corridors of powers they may be, must be exposed or hunted down like common criminals that they are," Ms Macapagal said at an unscheduled press conference after an emergency closed-door meeting on the drug problem with top police and military officials and some Cabinet members.

Asked if any government figure was being monitored, Military intelligence chief Victor Corpus said: "Yes, national (figure)." He declined to name the official.

Corpus said narcopolitics was a "creeping threat" to the nation. He said this threat was difficult to contain because it could not be easily seen.

"Syndicates use drug money to put themselves in power. They can buy judges, the media with drug money. And since economic power begets political power, they can eventually win positions

GMA/A14



WHEN friends meet even if in handcuffs, hands reach out to each other in greeting. Which is what happened when suspected terrorists Filipino Muklis Yunos (left) and Indonesian Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi are brought together for the first time before state prosecutors at the Department of Justice on Wednesday. They are to stand trial for the Dec. 30, 2000 bombing of the LRT that killed 17 people.

5 Indons arrested in GenSan by police

By Aquiles Z. Zonio
PDI Mindanao Bureau

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Police intelligence agents arrested on Tuesday five men suspected to be Indonesian terrorists.

Chief Insp. Ruel Palapar, leader of the arresting team, said an improvised bomb was seized from four of the five men. He named them as cousins Mark, Charlito and Allan Panggilawan and Yustinos Barahama.

The fifth man was later identified as Jun Pareda.

Police said that while it still had to be determined if the arrested men were connected with the Jemaah Islamiya, it was certain that they were involved in a terror plot. The JI is believed responsible for the bomb attack last year in Bali, Indonesia, that killed more than 200 people, mostly Australians.

But an aunt of the Panggilawans denied the police's terror allegation.

Mensi Panggilawan, 52, told reporters that her nephews were looking for a job when police took them in custody, and that Pareda and Barahama were former employees of Cantoja Fishing.

She said an unidentified recruiter picked up her nephews and Barahama from their house in Purok Balunto, Barangay Calumpang, Tuesday morning.

Police initially tried to hide the arrest from reporters. But some officials eventually confirmed it.

Palapar said that according to

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Suspect admits role in Rizal Day bombings

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE MAN believed behind the Rizal Day bombings in Manila three years ago has admitted complicity in the attacks, according to a justice official.

"I was involved in the planning. [I will admit to it] even if I die," State Prosecu-

tor Peter Ong quoted Muklis Yunos (also known as Saifulla Yunos) as saying yesterday at the Department of Justice preliminary investigation on the attacks that killed at least 17 persons and injured 120 others.

Yunos, 31, a native of Maguindanao who was arrested by the military on May

25 at the Cagayan de Oro airport while about to board a flight for Manila, was observed shedding tears as he and his alleged accomplice, Indonesian Fathur Al-Ghozi, prepared to talk in private.

Asked by the INQUIRER if he was sorry for the bloody bombings, Yunos shook his head and refused to answer.

The DOJ conducted the preliminary investigation in the course of reopening the case against Al-Ghozi on the bombing of the Light Rail Transit in Manila on Dec. 30, 2000.

Al-Ghozi, whom Yunos and another witness implicated in the bombings, is

SUSPECT/A4

Batasan Hills students have courtrooms for classrooms

By Carlito Pablo

FROM COURTROOMS to classrooms.

Supreme Court Justice Josue Bellosillo, chair of the Senate Electoral Tribunal, has come to the rescue of the over-populated Batasan Hills National High School.

Bellosillo made available the vacant rooms of the tribunal building, which is adjacent to the Sandiganbayan, for use of some 400 Batasan Hills students as temporary classrooms for at least one year.

Built to accommodate only 1,000 students, the public high school now has an enrollment of 9,000.

The vacant SET rooms will be converted into four regular classrooms housing 50 students per room on two-shift classes.

Bellosillo came to the rescue upon the intercession of House Speaker Jose de Venecia and Rep. Edmundo Reyes Jr. (Lakas, Marinduque), chair of the House committee on basic education.

In a statement, De Venecia lauded Bellosillo's gesture, noting that the justice "readily agreed to help in the spirit of volunteerism and concern for the education of the youth."

BATASAN/A14

Why Dr. Jose Rizal is the First Filipino

By Dr. Pablo S. Trillana III

Editor's Note: The author is the Commissioner for Culture, Unesco Philippines.

"WHAT is the use of independence if the slaves of today will be the tyrants of tomorrow?"

That question posed by our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, embodies the reason why he has been called the First Filipino.

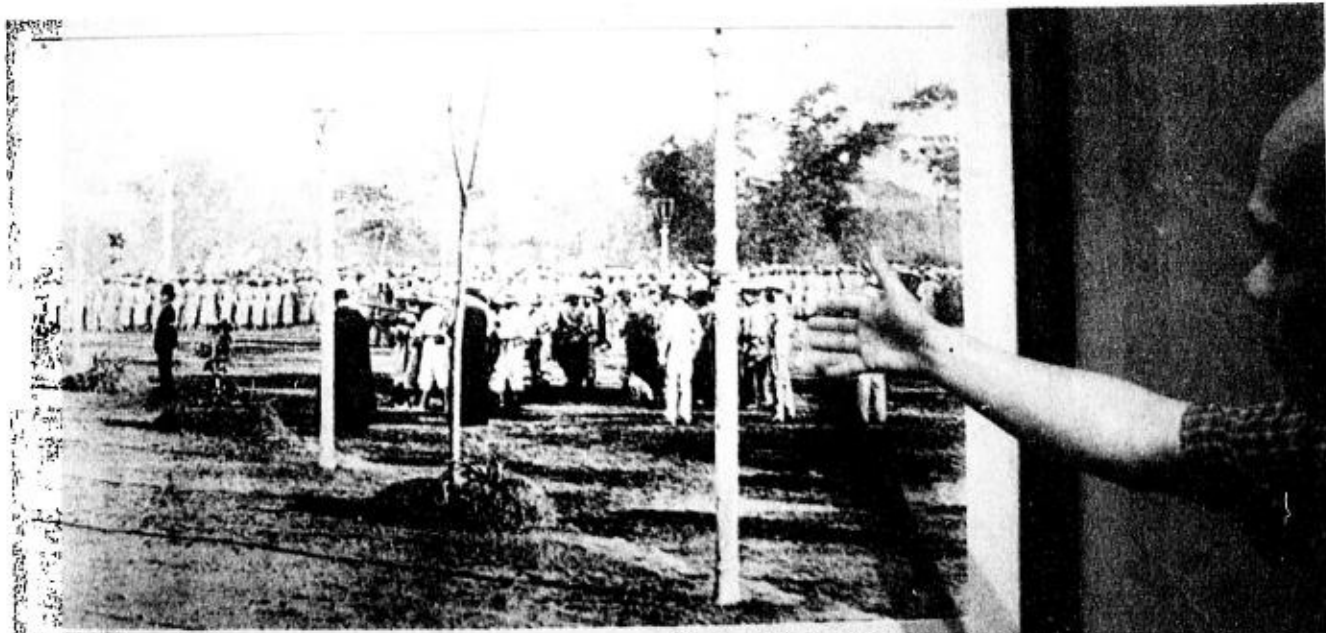
On the occasion today, June 19, of his 142nd birth anniversary, it is appropriate to ask why and to find out what it means, for us, to call ourselves Filipinos.

Before Rizal, there were others who gave their lives to defend the land of their birth. Lapu-Lapu struck Magellan down and ended the imperialist dream of the initial Spanish *conquista* less than a month after its landfall on the future colonial soil.

But the hero of Mactan did not call himself Filipino.

The next wave of Spanish conquerors, though more successful, would be equally besieged. For 300 years, tribe after tribe took up arms against the colonial regime for essentially the same cause: to regain the freedom they used to enjoy. They were Pangasinenses, Ilocanos or Tagalogs. Even the Muslims of Mindanao, the most unbending of the islanders, launched the Moro wars not

WHY/A14



THE PHOTO that is engraved in the hearts of the Filipino is the centerpiece of a collection of thousands of rare pictures at the GBR Museum in Gen. Trias, Cavite. It was shot by a wealthy book dealer named Manuel Arias Rodriguez.

Photographer recorded Rizal martyrdom

By Jerome Aning

THE ORIGINAL photograph of the execution of Dr. Jose Rizal at Bagumbayan Park is the centerpiece of the Geronimo Berenguer de los Reyes Jr. (GBR) Museum in General Trias, Cavite.

Enlarged to cover an entire wall, the

photo seizes for all time a turning point in Philippine history—Rizal's martyrdom. It galvanized the Filipinos to rise up in arms against the Spanish colonial rule. It was the beginning of the end of more than 300 years of Spanish occupation.

This photograph became the center of

controversy among historians two years ago when historian Pio Andrade questioned its authenticity.

Andrade claimed that it was a still from a 1912 movie on Rizal.

The GBR Foundation put an end to the controversy by producing the

PHOTOGRAPHER/A14

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The western section of Northern Luzon will experience cloudy skies with occasional rains while the rest of Luzon will have mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. Visayas and Mindanao will be partly cloudy to cloudy.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Peace talks: No Salamat, no thanks

By Edwin O. Fernandez and Charlie C. Señase
PDI Mindanao Bureau
and TJ Burgonio and Blanche S. Rivera

COTABATO CITY—The government will resume negotiations with the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front only if rebel chieftain Salamat Hashim sits across the table as chief negotiator, according to the presidential adviser on the peace process Eduardo Ermita.

"As of now, the government position is not to resume talks with the MILF unless Salamat sits as head of the panel," said Ermita who added that the government was no longer recognizing Murad Ebrahim as the MILF's chief negotiator.

No deadline has been set for Salamat to respond to the new condition set by the government.

Ermita explained that agreements reached when the top man himself heads the negotiation panel would be more binding, noting that previous representatives of Salamat were able to make only limited commitments.

Based on the government's experience, Ermita said that without Salamat agreements reached by both panels only remain on paper as they are not heeded by MILF ground commanders.

Ermita also pointed out that the main reason a peace accord was successfully concluded with the mainstream Moro National Liberation Front in 1996 was because the then MNLF chief Nur Misuari did the talking for the rebels. The governor of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao Parouk Hussin agreed that Salamat should head the MILF panel, saying continued hostilities were only worsening the poverty situation in Mindanao.

"With Salamat as chief negotiator, many things can happen," said Hussin who also cited the MNLF negotiations in which Misuari sat in the talks "from the very start."

Hussin, a former top leader of the MNLF, appealed to MNLF combatants who may now be with the MILF to "seriously reconsider" their position as the conflict was victimizing innocent civilians.

He said the hostilities had displaced thousands of families all over the region forcing the ARMM into a "vicious cycle of continuing relief," spending much of its budget on relief operations and resettlement.

"Everytime we move forward with our development (agenda), we are set back by an upsurge of hostilities. We are caught up with relief operations, we cannot even graduate to rehabilitation, let alone development," he said.

The ARMM governor said he expected poverty incidence rate in the region to increase from the 71.3 percent recorded in 2000.

But MILF leaders responded that setting preconditions for the resumption of talks was evidence that the government was not serious in pursuing peace.

"Arm-twisting tactics will not work with the MILF," said Mohagher Iqbal, the MILF information chief.

Moreover, the MILF's Central Committee has declared that Murad will continue to sit as panel chair, said MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu.

Iqbal said the reason for the preconditions is that the government was trying to delay the peace process so it can continue with military actions.

A political analyst in Maguindanao believes the insistence on Salamat's joining the negotiations was mainly aimed at confirming reports the MILF had split into two factions.

Government officials have been reportedly told that Salamat was heading the extremist faction while Murad, Jaafar and Kabalu were in the moderate group.

This was denied by Kabalu. With a report from Julie S. Alipala and Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau



WOMEN FOR ROCO

Former Senator Raul Roco acknowledges the cheers of the mostly female crowd during the launching of the Women for Roco Movement at the Plenary Hall of the PICC. Yesterday's launching of the movement kicks off the women's support for Roco's candidacy in the 2004 presidential election.

-ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Like wow!

"I FEEL like wow!" was all Press Secretary Milton Alingod could say after he took his oath of office before President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday.

Members of the media and employees of the Office of the Press Secretary applauded loudly when Alingod's name was called for the oath-taking ceremony at the Ceremonial Hall. The President smiled.

Alingod, a veteran broadcaster, thanked the President for trusting him with the government's official information machinery.

"I will try to do my best," said the soft-spoken Alingod.

He said he sees no need to revamp the OPS.

Alingod, who's turning 61 on Aug. 3, succeeded Press Secretary Hernani Braganza who quit for health reasons. Alingod was then Braganza's undersecretary.

Braganza also took his oath yesterday as Presidential Adviser on Political Affairs (PAPA). *Juliet L. Javellana*

4 UP Masscom students chosen Inquirer scholars

FOUR juniors at the College of Mass Communication of the University of the Philippines have been chosen as INQUIRER University Scholars for schoolyears 2003-2005, INQUIRER president Alexandra Romualdez said yesterday.

The four are Cyril L. Bonabente, 19, of Maysan Road, Valenzuela City; Melawrence de Guzman, 18, of GSIS Village, Project 8, Quezon City; Michael Jobert Navarro, 18, of Pennsylvania Street, New Manila, Quezon City; and Angeli Kate Pedrosa, 18, of Phase 1, Soldiers Hill 4, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite.

All of them are candidates for magna cum laude honors.

The four were chosen after they had passed physical, intelligence, psychological and writing tests and a panel interview conducted by the INQUIRER.

The Philippine Daily Inquirer Inc. will pay for the scholars' tuition and other enrollment fees for the schoolyears 2003 to 2005. The PDI will also give the scholars a monthly stipend of P500 and a one-time allowance yearly of P1,000 for books and school supplies.

The scholars are required to maintain a semestral average of 1.75 (87 or B+) and have no grade in any academic subject lower than 2 (85 or B). They have to comply with the academic requirements and disciplinary rules of the UP.

They are required to work at the INQUIRER for at least a month during the scholarship term, and this work may be credited to their internship requirement at the UP.

The INQUIRER shall have the option to employ or not to employ the scholar after the completion of his or her course, which option shall be exercised within one month from graduation.

Lawyer vs lawyers in Erap defense

By Armand N. Nocom

SAYING they were "taken aback" by the antics of the new lawyer of jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada, the ousted leader's court-appointed lawyers yesterday said they would present evidence in his defense and would fight the case "tooth and nail" so long as they remain his counsels.

Lawyer Prospero Crescini said he and the three other ex-officio counsels—retired Justice Manuel Pamaran, Noel Malaya, Irene Jura—were aghast at lawyer Alan Pagua's declaration that Estrada would not be presenting evidence in his defense should the Sandiganbayan deny his motion to dismiss the plunder case against him.

'Keep off limits'

"He (Pagua) should keep off limits," said Crescini, maintaining that he and his colleagues were the ones assigned by the anti-graft court to defend Estrada.

He said Estrada himself had declared in open court that Pagua's role was limited to filing and defending the motion to dismiss the plunder case.

He said the defense was lining up 20 witnesses for Estrada's defense and assured the

public that they "will not resort to extra-legal remedies."

"We are men of the law, let's not fight outside the law," he said amid talk that Estrada was agitating his supporters to stage a people power-type insurrection to win his freedom or reinstatement.

Two legislators yesterday as much as asked Estrada to stop the delaying tactics and face the criminal charges against him "with dignity."

"For once, be a genuine gentleman," Bayan Muna Rep. Crispin Beltran told Estrada as he assailed Estrada's threat to call for people power.

Bad idea

Estrada supporters last Tuesday picketed the houses of the Supreme Court justices that Estrada has accused of robbing him of the presidency.

"As always, Estrada is showing his juvenile streak and self-serving motives," said Beltran.

Opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, a former Estrada associate, said picketing Chief Justice Hilario Davide's house was "a bad idea."

"Whoever planned it should stop it as it does not promote the cause they are fighting for," said Pimentel. With reports from Carlito Pablo and Michael Lim Ubac

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Danding party to keep partnership with Lakas

By Carlito Pablo

THE NATIONALIST People's Coalition of businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco will maintain its partnership with the ruling Lakas-CMD party in the 2004 elections, a ranking Lakas official said.

This was agreed on during a recent meeting in the United States between Cojuangco and Speaker Jose de Venecia who co-chairs Lakas with President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"The two leaders recognized the need for a continuity of the coalition," said the source who asked not to be named.

The De Venecia-Cojuangco meeting was confirmed by an NPC leader in the House who is privy to the political plans of Cojuangco who is said to be weighing a decision to run for president in 2004.

The Lakas source said that Cojuangco's possible candidacy was a "50-50 (chance) like President Macapagal."

Some of her most avid supporters expect the President, who has declared a desire not to stand in 2004, to reconsider her stand.

The two sources noted that the ruling coalition could take until next August or September to determine who will be its standard bearer in 2004.

De Venecia left last Thursday for the US

where Cojuangco celebrated his 68th birthday on June 10. Some of those who joined Cojuangco in the US were Sen. Edgardo Angara (LDP) and Representatives Jacinto Paras (Negros Oriental), Harry Angping (NPC, Manila) and Prospero Nograles (Lakas, Davao City).

The meeting with De Venecia was yet another indication that Cojuangco, chair of the San Miguel Corp. food and beverage conglomerate, will play a significant role in 2004, whether as candidate or as "kingmaker."

A congressman who was with Cojuangco on the US trip said the businessman has met with friends of his in the Bush administration to sound out US official sentiment on a Cojuangco presidential bid.

The legislator, who asked not to be named, said "US high officials also want Danding," apparently referring to claims of Ms Macapagal's associates that US President George W. Bush had encouraged the President to run in 2004.

The source did not name the US officials but said Cojuangco had befriended many of them during his exile in the US after the fall of the Marcos regime in the late 1980s.

"Some of these are already high-ranking officials in the Bush administration and they are his friends," the source said.

LRT chief denies P175-M irregularity

By Abigail L. Ho

THE LIGHT Rail Transit Authority yesterday slammed Misamis Oriental Rep. Augusto Baculio for hurling allegedly false accusations at the LRTA without even confirming whether or not the allegations were true.

"Congressman Baculio has again fallen victim to vested interest groups waging a disinformation campaign against the LRTA," public relations head Anna Ferrer of the LRTA said in a statement yesterday.

The solon had accused the LRTA of purchasing a "grossly overpriced" grinding machine for P175 mil-

lion at a time when the existing grinding had just been repaired and refurbished.

He added that the tracks of the newly constructed LRT Line 2, which ran from Santolan in Pasig to Cubao in Quezon City, would not need grinding until after five or six years of being in operation.

But LRTA administrator Teodoro Cruz Jr. said in a telephone interview that the grinding machine was already necessary as the old one, despite repairs and refurbishments, was no longer effective and efficient.

"The existing grinding machine can no longer do what it's supposed to do so we have to buy a new one. We're just making do with repairs until we get approval to buy a new one," he said.

He also pointed out that Baculio's accusations were unfounded, as the new grinding ma-

chine that he referred to as "grossly overpriced" had not even been bought yet.

Also, bidding for equipment like the grinding machine was not a direct responsibility of the LRTA but that of the contractor.

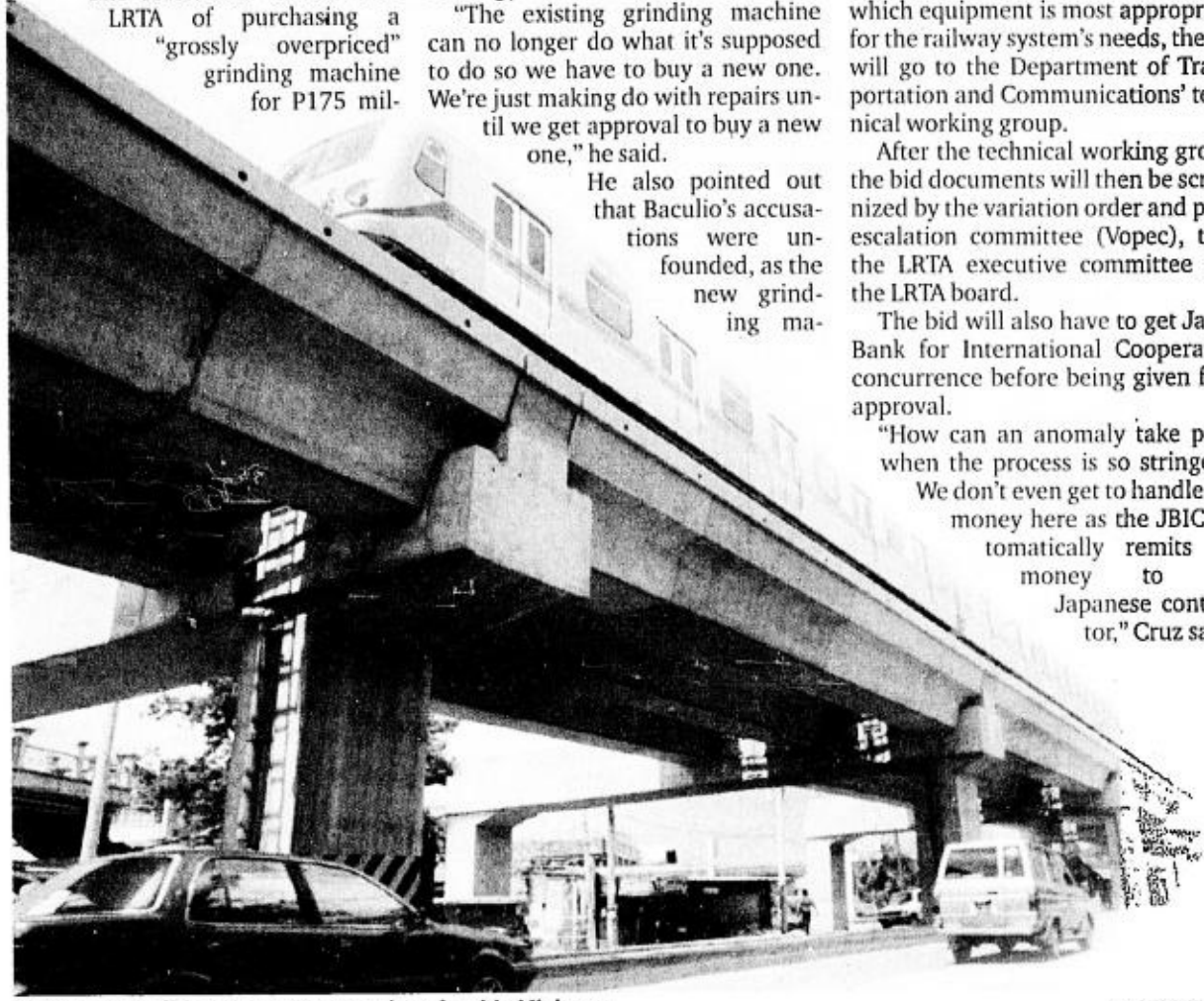
"We never dealt with the bidders. The contractor, Sumitomo, was the one that validated it. It's actually the contractor's responsibility to determine the cost. A certain procedure is then followed after that," he explained.

After the contractor determines which equipment is most appropriate for the railway system's needs, the bid will go to the Department of Transportation and Communications' technical working group.

After the technical working group, the bid documents will then be scrutinized by the variation order and price escalation committee (Vopec), then the LRTA executive committee and the LRTA board.

The bid will also have to get Japan Bank for International Cooperation concurrence before being given final approval.

"How can an anomaly take place when the process is so stringent? We don't even get to handle any money here as the JBIC automatically remits the money to the Japanese contractor," Cruz said.



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4. How does an investor participate in the PO?

Investors may purchase the bonds over the counter from the Underwriter or Selling Agent nearest them, subject to the minimum deposit requirements of each Underwriter and Selling Agent.

They will be required to open a peso deposit account or designate an existing peso account where interest payment and principal redemption of the RTBs will be credited.

For corporations, copies of the Board Resolutions authorizing the purchase of RTBs and indicating authorized signatories and specimen signatures shall be required.

5. What is an investor's proof of ownership?

The Underwriters and Selling Agents will sell the RTBs to individuals and other investors on a non-recourse basis through confirmations of outright sale (the "Confirmations of Sale") issued by the Underwriter or Selling Agent. Investors may pick up these Confirmations of Sale a few days after the close of the public offering from the offices of the Underwriter or Selling Agent. In the meantime, an Acknowledgement Receipt will be issued to investors at the time of payment.

No certificate will be issued to bondholders as ownership by individuals and other investors will be registered in electronic form under the BTR's Registry of Scripless Securities.

6. Can an investor still purchase RTBs after the public offering?

After the PO, an investor can buy RTBs from the secondary market at prevailing market prices.

7. What are the risks involved in investing in RTBs?

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Suspect admits role in Rizal Day bombings

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serving a prison term of 10-12 years for illegal possession of explosives.

"I asked [Yunos] if he was involved in the LRT [bombing]," Ong said. "He said, 'I was not there, but I was involved in the planning' and will admit to it even if I die."

Ong said the "most important" aspect of yesterday's hearing was Yunos and Al-Ghozi's identification of each other "as the same persons mentioned in their statements" confessing to the bombings.

He said the two men also identified Cusmain Ramos alias Abu Ali, a former member of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, as the "broker" in their purchase of explosives from a certain Antonio Reyes in Cebu.

Yunos—who, along with two others, has been charged for the LRT bombing—was yesterday charged with multiple murder, multiple frustrated murder, multiple attempted murder for the Rizal Day attacks. He will be arraigned on July 8 at the Manila Regional Trial Court.

Ong said Al-Ghozi would also be charged later "if the evidence warrants."

New evidence

Apart from Yunos' statement, among the new evidence presented against Al-Ghozi were Philippine National Bank documents showing transactions for the bank account he opened under the name "Edris A. Rodin."

Al-Ghozi used this account to funnel at least P529,000 from the Southeast Asian terror network Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) to fund the bombings, according to court records.

Police also presented a postal ID card that Al-Ghozi supposedly used to open the bank account. It carried his picture and the Rodin name.

Ong said JI stalwarts Riduan

Isamuddin (better known as Hambali) and Abubakar Bafana Faiz, a Malaysian, might also be charged for the attacks because both Al-Ghozi and Yunos named them as having funded the plot.

Salamat order

He also said MILF leader Salamat Hashim gave the go-signal for the bombings.

Besides the emotional reunion of Yunos and Al-Ghozi, the hearing was also notable for the disclosure of how the Rizal Day bombings supposedly came about.

This was how Ong recounted the details according to Yunos' statement:

Yunos and Al-Ghozi met in Cebu sometime in "October and November 2000" while they were searching for explosives to use in their separate terror campaigns.

Yunos, an alleged bomb expert and leader of the MILF Special Operations Group, learned that Al-Ghozi had links to the JI and sought support for the secessionist group's "jihad program."

Al-Ghozi relayed the request to Hambali and Faiz, and the JI agreed to extend support to the MILF.

On Dec. 1, 2000, Hambali and Faiz arrived in Manila and met with Yunos and Al-Ghozi to oversee the bombings.

Ong said a Malaysian Airlines passenger manifest showed that Hambali and Faiz did arrive in Manila on that day.

Faiz was arrested in Singapore in December 2002.

The PNB statements of accounts also showed that P129,000 was deposited to the Rodin account on Dec. 20, or 10 days before the bombings. Two months later, on Feb. 20, 2001, another P129,000 was deposited from a Malaysian bank.

By Ong's account, Yunos confessed that Alim Pangalisan Solaiman, his alleged superior in



ESCORTS of suspect JI leader Fathur Roman al-Ghozi (right) and of Saifulla Yunos (at left) make sure they aren't going anywhere but to the Department of Justice.

the MILF 3rd Field Division, gave him the "direct order" to proceed with the bombings.

Solaiman allegedly said the order came from Salamat.

30 kilos of explosives

Yunos and Al-Ghozi shipped 30 kilos of explosives from Cebu to Manila on board a SuperFerry, Ong said.

He said Yunos prepared the "grenade" and Al-Ghozi assembled the timing device.

Ong said the two men at first planned to bomb the US Embassy but later decided to set off the explosives at Plaza Ferguson.

On that fateful day, bombs were also set off in a bus in Cubao, Quezon City, outside the Dusit Hotel in Makati, and inside the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Ong said that at the hearing, a female witness identified Yunos as the man who told her to get off

the LRT train.

"Tabi ka, bababa ako. Bumabaka rin (Stand aside, I'm getting off. You get off also)," Yunos supposedly told the woman at the Tayuman LRT station.

The bomb exploded when the LRT train arrived at its next stop, the Blumentritt station.

"According to the witness, it was Yunos. But he claimed that he was not there at that time," Ong said.

He said Yunos also admitted to bombing a National Power Corp. transmission line in Mindanao in March.

No links

Speaking on ABS-CBN television, MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu denied that his group had trained JI militants.

He also denied that the MILF had links with supposed JI leader Abu Bakar Bashir, an Indonesian cleric detained and on trial in Jakarta.

"We deny any involvement or

any contact between the two organizations," Kabalu said. He said there was "no need for the MILF to establish linkages with organizations" whose objectives, he pointed out, were not the same as that of his group.

At a Jakarta court on Tuesday, alleged JI militant Suryadi Mas'ud said he was told by Al-Ghozi that the cleric had visited a Moro rebel camp in Mindanao.

Mas'ud, himself on trial for the

bombing of a restaurant in the Indonesian city of Makassar last year, said he had trained at an MILF camp in Mindanao, as had several JI suspects now detained in Singapore.

Kabalu said he believed that the information on the alleged links was from official sources in the Philippines who were supposedly attempting to smear the MILF by linking it with a group listed by the United States as a foreign terrorist organization. With an AFP report

'2 Wongs' can't make it white; Asians file suit

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After speaking with a manager, a salesperson told him, "We're sorry, but we can't rehire you because there's already too many Filipinos working here," said Ocampo, 21.

"I was pretty appalled and for a good amount of time I was just real angry," Ocampo said. And so are other minorities.

On Monday, nine Asian and Hispanic plaintiffs filed a federal lawsuit against A & F, claiming that the company discriminates against blacks, Hispanics and Asians by enforcing a nationwide corporate policy of preferring white employees for sales positions, desirable job assignments and favorable work schedules.

The company has been accused of racial insensitivity in the past.

Last spring, it removed T-shirts from stores after Asian-American groups complained about depictions of two slant-eyed men in conical hats and the slogan "Wong Brothers Laundry Service—Two Wongs Can Make It White."

The lawsuit, which is seeking class certification, says the company has a policy that requires all sales people to exhibit an all-white "A & F look." Posters and a television program in stores display models who are mostly

white, as does the company's catalogue, the lawsuit alleges.

When it does hire minorities, it channels them to stockroom and overnight shifts and reduces their hours, the suit says.

"If you look at the material they put out, they are cultivating an all-white look," said Thomas Saenz, vice president of litigation at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, one of the lawyers for the plaintiffs.

"It is difficult to understand why, given that their target age demographic is even more heavily minority than the rest of the population," Saenz said.

Company spokesperson Tom Lennox said A & F had not received a copy of the lawsuit. He declined to comment on its specifics.

"However, as a company that prides itself on diversity we are dismayed by the lawsuit and take this matter very seriously," he said. "Abercrombie & Fitch represents American style. America is diverse and we want diversity in our stores."

The company does not discriminate and that "our policy is to have a zero tolerance for discrimination in hiring or employment on the basis of race, national origin, ancestry" and other characteristics protected by state and federal law, Lennox said. AP

5 Indons arrested in GenSan by police

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the initial investigation conducted by police, the improvised bomb was similar to those found by the military during the government takeover of Camp Abubakar in Maguindanao, which once served as the main base of the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Senior Insp. Joemari Yap, city police bomb squad chief, told reporters that the timing device was not yet attached to the bomb when it was seized by police.

He said the suspected bombers could have been trying to avoid a premature explosion.

Tip-off

Palapar said an informer had earlier tipped off police about a bomb courier who left Maguindanao early Tuesday for either General Santos or Tacurong City. He said police immediately put

the bus terminals of both cities under heavy surveillance.

Palapar said the Panggilawans and Barahama were spotted at around noon yesterday outside the Bulaong Public Terminal in General Santos, apparently headed toward an eatery just across from the terminal.

He said he and his men cordoned the area and accosted the four men inside the eatery.

Two managed to escape but were later collared in Purok Balunto, Palapar said.

The four men were taken to the headquarters of the Central Mindanao Police for tactical interrogation.

Pareda, for whom police mounted a search after the Panggilawans and Barahama were arrested, fell in an entrapment operation in Barangay Labangal late night Tuesday, authorities said.

The five men were to be pre-

sented to reporters yesterday afternoon. But the reporters left after waiting for hours.

Chief Supt. Arturo Lumibao, head of the police's Directorate for Investigation and Detection Management, arrived at the Camp Fermin G. Lira shortly before noon to lead the presentation.

Chief Supt. Rodolfo Tor, Central Mindanao police director, arrived much later than Lumibao, but went directly inside the conference room.

The INQUIRER learned that the five men were being held in a separate room.

The reporters requested police officials to speed up the presentation to allow them to beat their deadlines. But the request was ignored.

Yunos and Al-Ghozi

In Manila, PNP Intelligence

Get tough on Burma, US urges Asean Forum

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er Aung San Suu Kyi were the main topics in Wednesday's meeting at the Cambodian capital of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations and its 13 dialogue partners, including the United States, European Union, China and Japan.

In a closed-door meeting, Powell told the Asean Regional Forum that the development of nuclear weapons by the reclusive communist government in Pyongyang was a concern of "every nation in the region that would fall under the arc of a North Korean missile," according to a US state department official.

The United States wants the crisis resolved through talks involving not only itself and North Korea but also South Korea, China and Japan.

North Korea on Wednesday ruled out the idea of involving other nations in ending the standoff, insisting the matter must be resolved in one-on-one talks with Washington.

Pyongyang lashed out at US pressure as "a declaration of war" and threatened to boost its

nuclear deterrent.

"We will step up our efforts to strengthen our nuclear deterrent capabilities as a means of self-defense against the United States," an unnamed North Korean foreign ministry spokesperson was quoted as telling the nation's state-run news agency.

Powell told other foreign ministers that North Korea's fears of a US attack was a "false claim," according to the senior state department official.

Burma

In the same meeting, Powell told his foreign counterparts ministers at a regional security meeting that Burma was "attempting to use its sovereignty as a shield behind which it can violate the fundamental rights of its citizens with impunity," according to the state department official.

"Together we must tell the Burmese leaders to free Aung San Suu Kyi, to free her supporters and to free the people of Burma by returning democracy to that nation," the official quoted Powell as saying. "Reopening dialogue with the opposition would be a good way to start."

Burma's junta has come under



SHOWDOWN looms between the United States and Burma over the fate of Aung San Suu Kyi as Secretary of State Colin Powell arrives in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, for the Asean meeting.

REUTERS

intense international pressure since the arrest of Suu Kyi on May 30. The United States and the European Union increased sanctions and Japan said Tuesday it was considering halting economic aid to the poor nation.

Canada's foreign minister said his country also might take

tougher measures, after withdrawing preferential tariffs.

"We believe that the generals need to understand that Suu Kyi has to be released and released as immediately as possible and given an opportunity to carry on her political role in the country," Canada's Foreign Minister Bill Graham told reporters.

"We found that constructive engagement has not worked," Graham said Wednesday.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations on Tuesday took the unprecedented step of telling Burma, one of the group's members, that Suu Kyi should be freed. Burma has said Suu Kyi will be released when tensions ease, but its many international critics say that's not good enough.

"This is not a matter of Asean interfering in Burma's internal affairs," the same official quoted Powell as saying.

"It is a question of Asean insisting that one of its members heed the deep concerns of its neighbors and of the international community."

Necessary for peace

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing told reporters a nuclear-weapons-free Korean penin-

sula was necessary "for world peace and stability" and pledged to seek further talks on the issue. But he did not say when that would happen. Li also said North Korea's security concerns must be adequately addressed.

North Korea did not send its foreign minister to the ministerial meeting in Phnom Penh, as many had hoped. A lower-level diplomat came in his place.

Cambodian Foreign Minister Hor Namhong said he "regretted" the absence of his North Korean counterpart, Paek Nam-sun. "His participation in our meeting could further enhance the dialogue and thus contribute to the peaceful settlement of the Korean peninsula issue," he said.

Washington charged last October that North Korea acknowledged having a secret nuclear program, then cut off oil shipments to the largely isolated state. Pyongyang then backed out of a nonproliferation treaty.

Antiterrorism

The ministers also discussed a beefed-up fight on terrorism, including better monitoring of who is coming and going across international borders through information sharing and is-

suance of passports that are harder to fake, according to a draft of a statement to be released after the meeting.

Thai authorities recently arrested four Muslim men who were allegedly planning to bomb foreign embassies in Bangkok in October when US President George W. Bush, Chinese President Hu Jintao and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi are expected for a Pacific Rim summit.

The suspects were allegedly tied to the terror network Jemaah Islamiyah, which has been blamed for the bombings last year on the Indonesian resort island of Bali that killed 202 people.

Cambodia recently arrested four men—a Cambodian, two Thais and an Egyptian—as the authorities broke up a local Islamic group allegedly linked to Jemaah Islamiyah.

Asean groups Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The regional forum includes Asean plus Australia, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Japan, Mongolia, North and South Korea, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Russia and the United States.

High school freshmen poor in 3 major subjects

EDUCATION officials have more problems to grapple with this school year.

Most incoming freshmen in public schools have not mastered their basic English, Math and Science subjects in elementary school.

The same goes for most incoming Grade 4 pupils in public schools.

The DepEd discovered this when it conducted a first-ever national diagnostic test in June last year.

The test, administered in all 35,000 public elementary schools and 5,000 public high schools, was meant to assess the competencies of elementary students in English reading comprehension, Science and Math.

It showed seven out of 10 incoming high school freshmen have not mastered these subjects.

On a national average, only 30 percent of a class passed the English test; Math, 27 percent; and Science, 28 percent.

For incoming Grade 4 pupils, six out of 10 have also not mastered English, Science and Math that they were taught in the previous grade.

On a national average, 42 percent of a class passed the English test; Math, 38 percent; and Science, 39 percent.

In terms of performance, the students fared better in English than in Science and Math.

As 'Egay' leaves, toll rises to 12

TYPHOON "Egay" moved farther away from the country but the death toll rose to 12 after two teenage boys were reported to have drowned in separate incidents in Samar and Benguet, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) reported yesterday.

The typhoon (international code-name: Soudelor) was moving at 28 kph toward the southern islands of Japan and was forecast to be 310 kilometers west northwest of Okinawa yesterday afternoon, the OCD said.

"Typhoon 'Egay' is now moving farther away and no longer poses any threat to the country," OCD administrator Melchor Rosales said, but advised residents in low-lying and mountainous areas to take precautionary measures against flash floods.

Mariano Baros, 19, was reported to have drowned in Barangay San Vicente in Catbalogan at the height of heavy rains on Monday morning.

The other victim, Peter Lucnad, 15, drowned in the Benguet River after he reported fell from a bridge during heavy rains in Barangay Bayabas, Sablan, Benguet. The deaths brought to 12 the number of typhoon casualties.

Nine deaths were by drowning and three were buried in a landslide. **TJ Burgonio**

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1. Calling of meeting to order.
2. Certification of notice.
3. Determination and declaration of quorum.
4. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Annual Stockholders Meeting held on July 26, 2002 and Special Stockholders Meeting on November 26, 2002.
5. Presentation and approval of the Annual Report and other reports of the Investment Manager.
6. Approval and confirmation of all acts of the Board of Directors and of Management during the past year.
7. Election of Directors.
8. The appointment of BPI Investment Management, Inc. as Investment Manager.
9. Appointment of External Auditors
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment

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Authentic yearning

IT was a rare case of peace causing confusion. Ibrahim Paglas III said he got carried away when he misread the letter of Hashim Salamat and gave the idea that the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) was withdrawing from four towns in Maguindanao and another in North Cotabato. Paglas caused the confusion when Barangay Inug-ug in Maguindanao formally established itself as a "peace zone" in the presence

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of President Macapagal-Arroyo, former President Corazon Aquino and Paglas, a former mayor and nephew of Salamat, the MILF leader.

The reaction was instantaneous. While there was a chorus of hallelujahs in the name of peace, there were also ratchet-like categorical denials from the MILF leadership. Even the peace zone in Inug-ug was denied. Perhaps even worse, Salamat reportedly denied having written the letter in the first place. Even Tabang Mindanaw, the multi-sectoral peace group, fearful that the confusion could spiral out of control, issued a clarification to stress that the peace zone was "limited" to Inug-ug.

Paglas was profuse with apologies, calling his excesses and misreadings "unintended announcements." "While reading the rest of the text of the message, in a sudden twist of emotion, after seeing the faces of my fellow Muslims, I did not immediately realize (that) I was already pouring out the yearnings of my heart," the former mayor said. "I started talking about my own feelings... of seeing not just the people of Inug-ug in Pagalungan but also other towns in Maguindanao and in... Mindanao who are entitled to peace and (a) normal life."

The explanation is convincing. Any Filipino, Christian or Muslim, can empathize with Paglas. It is not difficult to imagine the sorry sight of war and the toll it takes on both combatants and non-combatants. It is not difficult to imagine what overwhelmed Paglas so that he threw all caution—and the carefully worded statement—to the wind and poured his heart out.

Paglas said it was "inexcusable" for him to have "mixed my personal emotions" with Salamat's message for "a highly structured program like a presidential visit." Despite the stilted phrasing, he put the universal dilemma in poignant terms: the yearning for peace couldn't find hospitality in the protocols and the politics of wars and hostilities.

Lonely word

AS expected the government and the MILF did not find any sense of urgency in Paglas' understandable emotionalism. The MILF quickly disowned the statement, and the government seemed not predisposed to expanding the zone of peace beyond Inug-ug. The MILF has also rejected calls for Salamat to chair the negotiating panel. And the government, which has made the call, has not exactly done anything to reassure the MILF chair that he could join the peace process without endangering his life in the process. It has not lifted the arrest order on him or found the courage to suspend it. It has held out the hand of peace with a handcuff.

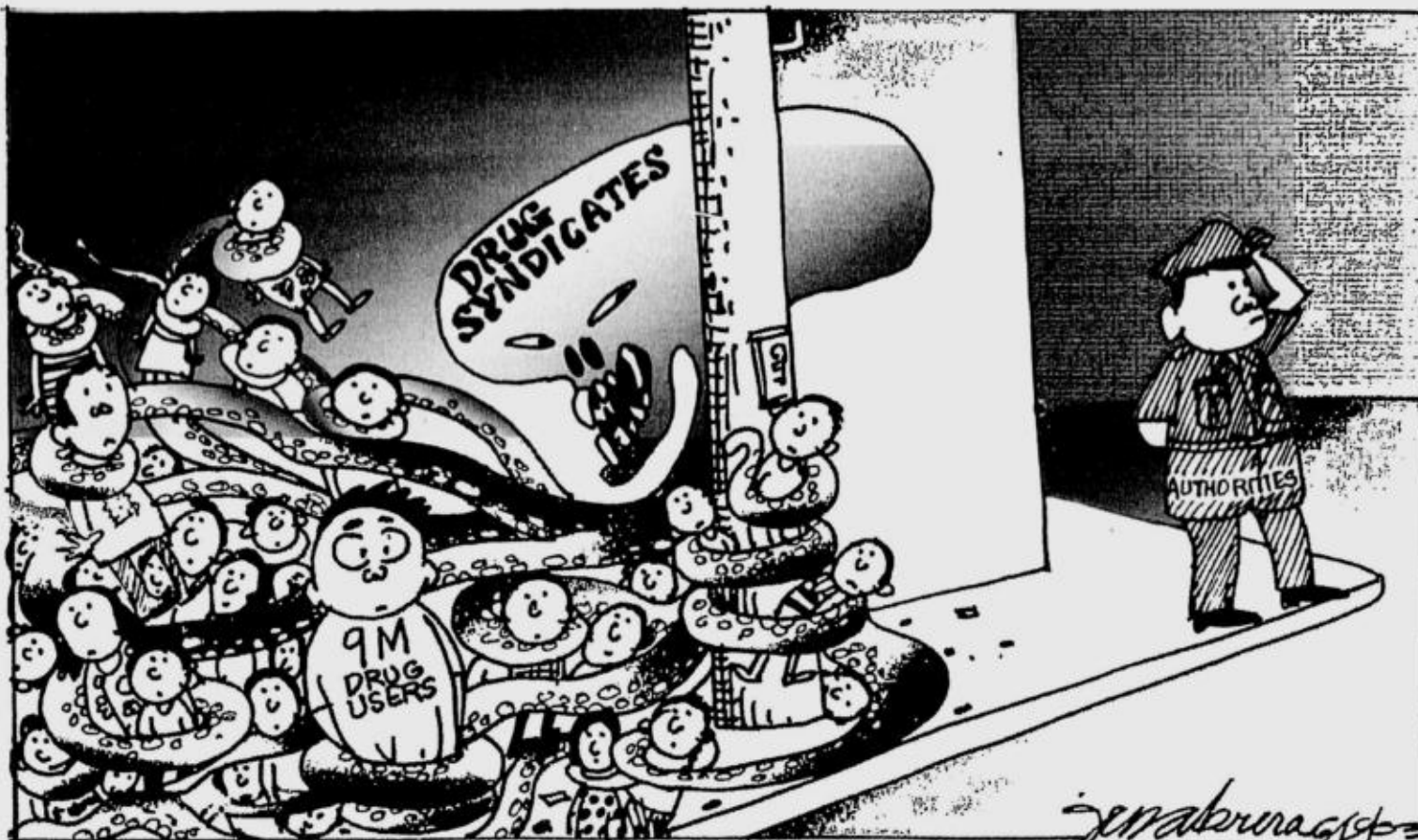
The government said the lifting of the warrants is up to the judiciary inasmuch as they have been issued by the courts in connection with the terrorist bombing in Davao that has been blamed on the MILF. But certainly as a plaintiff in the case, the government has the power to ask the courts to reconsider the warrants or at least have their effectivity deferred. The MILF, on the other hand, could commit to a cessation of hostilities as a gesture of good faith.

Neither side is budging. Neither side seems willing to grant a concession. Thus, we have the irksome sight of protagonists waving the palm of peace to obscure the cocking of guns and the stoking of hate. Thus, we have a cacophony of peace without its substance. Peace, in the vocabulary of the combatants, has become a mere addition to the armory of hate.

It is important for both sides to build confidence in order to reassure one another that peace is worth a try. And if they cannot summon the courage to do so, it is up to the non-combatants, like the multisectoral Tabang Mindanaw, to compel them.

It cannot be otherwise. War's worst victims have had enough. They suffer in the loneliness of their loss and agony. The government, the MILF and all who yearn for freedom from strife must make sure that peace stop being such a lonely word.

OPINION



Shall we go back to private armies again?

MAYORS want control over the police returned to them. Naturally, when we look at the sad state of the unified Philippine National Police, anything is better than the present set-up.

Peace and order is in shambles. Kidnapping and bank robberies are so common an alien from outer space would think this is the American Wild West when the Jesse James gang, the Younger and Dalton gangs, and the Wild Bunch were the terror of the banks and the railroad. He would be wrong, of course. The modern-day bank robbers here are sometimes led by former policemen themselves.

Corruption is rampant. Cops don't return to their owners stolen vehicles they have recovered but use them as though they owned the vehicles. The police can't straighten up the traffic mess because many of them are on the take from jeepney associations. The first thing that some recruits, including former metro aides, learn is how to extort money from drivers. They can't solve many crimes, including the killings of their fellow policemen. Indeed, isn't it ironic that it is not the criminals but the law-abiding, peace-loving citizens who are afraid of cops?

The reason is lack of discipline, said the mayors. They are not monitored and controlled by the mayors. Their top commanders are somewhere in Camp Crame and don't know what they're doing. Return control to us and we will crack the whip on them, they say.

But isn't that where we came from? People still remember the time when police forces were the private armies of mayors. Isn't that the reason a single, unified PNP was formed?

The mayors want the power to hire and fire policemen. So shall we go back to favoritism and patronage, when the police of a given town were the protégés, political followers and recommendees of political leaders? Shall we go back to private armies when the police were used to harass, and even kill, political enemies? Remember when Ilocos Sur and other provinces were like war zones because of the

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz



private armies of politicians?

The proof of the pudding is in the eating, say the mayors. The PNP system has failed, as everybody can plainly see. The police forces of old were much better. Isn't it time to try something else?

Like the congressmen who want to change the Constitution and the form of government because the present one is unsatisfactory, the mayors also want to change the police system. (Why not? They're all politicians.) But like the present presidential system, there's nothing wrong with the police system. It is the people in them who are wrong. We should change the people, not the system. Even if we change to a parliamentary system and control of the police is given back to the mayors, if the same people are there, we won't be better off. In fact, we could be jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

Experience is the best teacher, as the saying goes. And the best indication of what is likely to happen when we change the system is what we are experiencing now.

Take the change of government to a parliamentary system. The House of Representative will be the Parliament from where the chief executive, the prime minister, will be elected. The Cabinet members will also be chosen from members of Parliament, which will be under the control of the party in power. In other words, the legislative and executive branches will be controlled by the party, so there will be no checks and balances. There will be no Senate to check the House.

Imagine the present congressmen as members of that unicameral, all-powerful Parlia-

ment. What a horrible thing to contemplate!

As for putting the police under the mayors, imagine the policemen bearing arms controlled by and beholden to the mayors. Imagine how a political campaign and election will be under such an arrangement. Another horrible thing to contemplate. It has happened before; it can happen again.

Federalism is another trap. It works for the United States, but it won't for us. And we already have an indication of what is going to happen because of what we are experiencing with the new autonomy of local government units under the Local Government Code. The LGUs abuse their citizens. They raise taxes and fees at will. Any businessman will tell you that it is getting harder and harder to do business in the Philippines. Real estate taxes rise unconsciously but there is no proportionate increase in services. The LGUs can't even protect the properties of taxpayers. Neither do they help in ejecting squatters, or even just preventing squatters from stealing their lots.

Most LGUs have no zoning or land-use plan. Building permits are given only on the basis of the fees (and kickbacks) paid. Permits for tricycles are given by LGUs alone. Tricycles are now the most annoying pests around. There are just too many of them, tying up traffic, polluting the air with noise and toxic gases. At the same time, we make the Japanese motorcycle manufacturers very rich. But the LGUs keep issuing new permits because they are interested only in the fees that the tricycle operators pay.

Add to that the harassment and extortion that LGUs exact on travelers who travel through national roads passing their territories. What they are doing is clearly an abuse of the powers granted to them by the Local Government Code.

Remember, this is only the LGC. Federalism will give them more autonomy, more power. Imagine what they can do with those powers.

That will be the subject of another column.

A century hence

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros



Spaniard gives way, or he will be swept away. "History does not record any enduring rule of one people over another, who belong to different races, with distinct usages and customs, with adverse or divergent ideals." Further on: "The advancement and moral progress of the Philippines is inevitable; it is fated."

If so, why are we now in the rut we're in, where material and moral progress is blocked at every turn, and where the only inevitable thing seems to be that things turn from bad to worse?

For all his prescience, Rizal could not have anticipated a turn of events that was just lurking in the corner. And while it's interesting to speculate on what he might have done when the Americans came (it should make for a good magic-realist novel), the fact is that he wasn't around by then. And so did not glimpse yet a third course for the country.

It was neither being a beloved colony nor an independent nation. The American conquest brought the Filipinos to repeat the same process of demeaning themselves. It's true almost exactly as Rizal described it under Spanish rule. Little by little, the colonized lost their traditions, the mementos of the past. Infinitely truer in this case: The generation that came after the one that fought Spain, probably many of that generation itself, lost their very past and not just its mementos. Part of the reason for it was coercion—Filipinos were forbidden to display their flag; and part of it flagging resistance—the easier course was to give in to the siren's song.

They gave up their writing, their songs, their poems, their laws, in order to learn by rote other doctrines which they did not understand, an-

other morality, another aesthetic different from those inspired by their climate and sensibility. They declined, degrading themselves in their own eyes; they became ashamed of what was their own, they began to admire and praise whatever was foreign and incomprehensible.

That is exact to the letter! This is a country whose inhabitants know more about American history than their own. This is a country where people wear a coat and tie amid the blistering heat and build hothouses in tropical weather cooled off by icy blasts of air-conditioning. This is a country whose government worships George Bush and not Jose Rizal.

Quite simply, the Americans did not make the same mistake as the Spaniards. When the Filipino was down, the American did not insult him, and so stoked the fires of rage and pride in him. He humored him, and so unlocked the spirit of resignation and subservience in him.

What Rizal did not count on was the effects precisely of the reforms he expected from Spain. Which the Americans gave in abundance: universal education, the teaching of English, participation in governance. But one given to a colony that would soon be declared nominally, or officially, independent, thereby burdening the colonizer of the not inconsiderable burden of the financial and political costs of keeping it. The result is an ex-colony that is neither a state of America, which many Filipinos clearly want, nor one entirely free from America, which the current government does not want.

That is where we are now, neither Bush's official wards nor Rizal's honored descendants. What will we be a century hence? I do not share Rizal's bullishness. History does record an enduring rule of one people over another, who belong to different races, with distinct usages and customs, with adverse or divergent ideals. That is American rule over us. A century from now, we will probably still be under it.

Unless of course we start believing the future, a day or a century from now, is in our hands. Rizal was big on that too. But that is another story. Or future.

One for Ripley's—Joker

THE INQUIRER "Father's Day" story by Volt Contreras, "Rene Cayetano begets a brave family," is the kind of story I wish I had written. For it's a story that inspires and makes the writer celebrate membership in the human family, even as he recounts the bravery of one particular family drawn closer and strengthened by crisis. The story of Sen. Rene Cayetano and his family—the readiness of his two children, the younger one only 25 years old, to donate a vital organ to make their father well again, conquering their own fears; the support of his wife, Sandra, and the rest of the children, and Cayetano's metamorphosis into a more spiritual person—was most touching. From across the seas months ago I had wished Cayetano a speedy recovery, and I'd like to reiterate it. *Mabuhay ka, Senator Rene.*

A few weeks ago, in a get-together with INQUIRER editors and columnists, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes was asked why the military attacked the Bulioik complex in Mindanao, just when the peace talks were about to resume. He replied that there was strong evidence that it was being built up by the MILF and terrorist groups abroad to be another training ground for terrorist activities, to replace Camp Abubakar which had earlier been overrun by military troops. The military's attack on Bulioik was roundly criticized by peace advocates as an attempt by hawkish elements in the Cabinet to sabotage the peace talks, but Reyes defended it by saying it was to foil the terrorist build-up.

The on-going trial in Jakarta, Indonesia, of Abu Bakar Bashir, the alleged spiritual head of the Jemaah Islamiyah, which is believed to have direct links with al-Qaida, seems to bolster Reyes' statement about Camp Abubakar and its "replacement" in the Bulioik complex. The suspected bomber in a Sulawesi, Indonesia, bombing incident, Suryadi Masud, admitted that he and other Indonesian Islamic militants had trained in Abubakar in 1997-98, and that Bashir had visited the Mindanao camp.

Sen. Joker Arroyo is absolutely correct: the move of former President Joseph Estrada, through his

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



new lawyer Alan Pagua, asking the Sandiganbayan to call the Supreme Court justices to explain their "partisan" support for President Macapagal-Arroyo is one for Ripley's. Normally, said Joker, it is the high-court justices who ask lower-court justices and judges to explain their moves, but Pagua is asking for the opposite, which "just isn't done," said Joker. He stressed that if that were allowed, "there would be no end to litigations and it would wreak havoc on our judicial system."

Pagua, doubtless sensing that the Sandiganbayan justices would soon turn down his confused omnibus motion, now says the defense panel would no longer argue on Estrada's behalf in the plunder case (as they should have begun to do last June 2, which was later postponed to June 16). The announced strategy of the Erap camp is now to leave his fate to the court solely on the arguments of the prosecution that has finished its case, in the hope that the mob would come in to rescue him, and ultimately the military would stage a coup against GMA. This is the scenario presented by former Sen. Francisco Tatad.

But there won't be any such mob or military coup, for the public and the AFP clearly realize that the Erap camp is merely resorting to Pagua's motion at the Sandiganbayan and Rene Saguisag's impeachment ploy against the justices because they have no arguments in his defense. In the process, the lawyers seem to be out to destroy the high court.

The Erap lawyers keep hitting the SC justices for alleged "partisanship" when they witnessed the

swearing in of GMA by Chief Justice Hilario Davide last Jan. 20, 2001. But as former Senate President Jovito Salonga pointed out, in the March 2, 2001 decision upholding the legitimacy of her presidency, and in the April 3, 2001 ruling on Erap's motion for reconsideration, the Supreme Court was dominated by Ramos and Estrada appointees and GMA had not named any justice yet. At that time, aside from Justice Josue Bellosillo who was a Cory appointee, the Court had six Erap appointees: Justices Pardo, Buena, Gonzaga-Reyes, De Leon Jr., Ynares-Santiago and Sandoval-Gutierrez, plus Hilario Davide whom Erap named to head the Court. There were six Ramos appointees: Justices Melo, Quisumbing, Kapunan, Vitug, Mendoza and Panganiban. If at all, they should have been "partisan" for Erap but were not, doubtless because they saw that he had left his post and there was need to fill the vacuum in leadership.

I'd like to report on two cases that I touched on in the last two columns. Last Monday San Isidro (Nueva Ecija) Mayor Sonia R. Lorenzo filed an urgent petition before the Supreme Court to stop the order of Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos to immediately canvass the town's returns and proclaim the winner. Lorenzo's camp saw this as an attempt by Abalos to install her rival Nestor Magno, who had been disqualified in 2001 by the Sandiganbayan on charges of direct bribery. The Supreme Court, meeting en banc last Tuesday, ordered the Comelec to preserve the status quo, which means Lorenzo stays at the helm until her petition is resolved. Abalos' rebuff comes at a time of great turmoil in the Comelec, with personnel protesting his moves.

On the elections in the UP Alumni Association board, the canvassing of votes was finished last Monday, showing the group of Nelia Gonzalez winning over the Upsilon lineup. Unfortunately, the UPAA election committee refuses to proclaim the winners on the ground that the protest over the voters' list remains unresolved. The victory of Gonzalez's group renders that issue moot and academic. The Upsilon group that has long dominated the UPAA ought to take its defeat graciously and concede.

Not for sale

IT occurred to me only recently that a good number of people honestly believe all women in this age are out to "sell" themselves to men. But I think these people make little sense.

For starters, there is the popular idea that women dress well and strive to look good for the sake of men. It is believed unthinkingly that the only reason a woman would prefer to look at least half-decent is simply to put herself on "sale" in the "market" of men. I have even heard one guy declare that women dress up because it serves one purpose: flirting. It is like saying that in choosing which dress to put on, a woman's uppermost concern is how the male specie would react to it, regardless of whether she personally likes it or not. It is the same as saying that without the "approval" of the opposite sex, a woman is a total failure. It is as if women go through their daily routines with a sign on their backs reading: "Heck, buy me and take me home. I am for sale."

Why is it that even some women say they are here to "sell" themselves? Perhaps it is because they are convinced everyone is in a chase and the game ends once a man finally takes notice, starts a courtship and in due course gets to "buy" her. Then once the game is done, women can stop taking care of themselves and be content being *baduy* and *losyang*.

Does having a relationship with a man mean that the woman can opt to be *pabaya* since she is no longer in the "market"? Any broad-minded woman would disagree. For why can't a woman do something for herself and herself alone?

I know women do not live to "sell" themselves or whatever "goods" they might have. Rather, they are here to prove themselves, to explore their strengths and thereby improve gracefully over time.

A woman should do something not because some other entity impels her to do it but because her heart is set on doing it. For instance, a ballerina performs on stage not to elicit appreciation and applause from the men but to show everyone in the audience, both female and male, that she is more than flesh and bone but above all else, an artist. A female athlete strives to win not to impress the opposite sex but because as a woman, she gets a deep sense of fulfillment from her efforts. In the same way, a woman who dresses well, walks with poise and speaks with quality should do so not because she wants to sell herself to the eager customers but because she wants to prove that in a male-dominated society she can be their equal or even better.

Of course, there is a big gap between how a woman should be and how some of them actually are. Some of us actually give women a bad name by deliberately behaving indecently. There are those who quite literally put themselves on sale, believing that doing so is their solitary function in life. I have seen some women go to the extent of trading their respectability for the pleasure of having male company. There are females who choose to wear black thongs with flimsy white pants, while traipsing the walkways of universities or even hearing Sunday Mass, strutting their stuff before a wide-eyed world. Isn't this a vulgar invitation to the males?

Call me old-fashioned, but I think I have better things to do than to bare a lot of skin. Well, these women can always offer excuses but whether the male audience is buying them remains a big question. Any ordinary male perception would simply conclude that the female is showcasing herself in a way that invites some unseemly reactions.

But this type of women, who go beyond the bounds of propriety, are a tiny minority. So it is unfair to regard women as objects of trade. They are more than cost-effective merchandise. Men cannot buy them and consequently own them. Anything that is for sale eventually leads to ownership by the buyer. If this were the case with women, then they are no better than the next Playboy issue or some fancy sports car that any man would love to own and brag about.

There are times when women are better off listening to themselves than listening to everything that men have to say. An overprotective boyfriend is not worth keeping if he destroys his girlfriend's individuality. A possessive husband is worth leaving when he wants to turn his wife into a miserable marionette. In such cases, women are better off living out their own dreams. In fact, they would be better off trying to please themselves first. It may be a cliché, but it is true that a woman should not need a man to complete her; rather a woman needs a man to complement her.

Still, there is some truth to the supposition that women try to look good to attract men. It would be hypocrisy for women to say that they don't welcome male attention. The way a woman carries herself reflects her personality. In our society and age, a personable appearance is a necessity. But women should do something not just because they want to draw the attention of men. A woman should do something because she wants it for herself, because it is her way of gaining authentic self-esteem and completion.

A woman should know her strengths, and selling herself is not one of them.

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THEY SAID

Regime change

"Not by you, not by American and British, but by the Iraqi people."

—Iraq's former ambassador to the United Nations Mohammed al-Douri, responding to the question whether Saddam Hussein deserved to be toppled

Unauthorized

"Nobody has the right to speak on his behalf on the matter."

—Nationalist People's Coalition head Rep. Gilbert Teodoro, clarifying claims that his uncle, Eduardo Cojuangco, will seek the presidency in 2004

Bacani's burden

"We think it is his stature as a bishop that motivated people to feast on the issue."

—Pia Cinco, Paco Elementary School teacher, commenting on the wide publicity given to charges of sexual harassment hurled against Bishop Teodoro Bacani

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Turf war hampered response to SARS

BELJING—Fierce competition among rival government departments in China—over everything from developing a diagnostic test to tracing the virus that causes SARS—slowed the response to the disease, scientists and international experts say.

Bi Shengli is one of several leading researchers who said the epidemic exposed serious problems in China's treatment of scientists and their ability to collaborate and resolve a health crisis. "The reason SARS spread so widely is, our technology is old and everyone wanted to make his own achievements, but didn't want to work with anyone," said Bi, deputy director of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Institute for Viral Disease Control and Prevention.

Bi despaired over the weeks spent without access to samples from SARS patients from provincial or city-level governments, without which his agency could not analyze just what was invading the population.

"In China's CDC, our team is relatively young and we share everything, but the older people, they all want to do it on their own and get credit for it. When it got to the microbiology stage, they couldn't do it," Bi said.

Zhong Nanshan, director of the Guangzhou City Infectious Disease Research Institute, told similar stories about a system where everyone puts his own interests first.

For weeks China's scientists boasted they had the ability to solve some of the mysteries of the disease—conducting gene analysis and identifying the coronavirus that was eventually determined to cause Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. But in the end, other countries without China's wealth of samples beat them to it, a defeat Zhong attributed to infighting.

"The people who had the ability to do gene analysis couldn't get the samples. People who had the samples couldn't do gene analysis," Zhong said.

Such concerns are not uncommon in China, where despite government lip-service about the

NEWS ANALYSIS

Cindy Sui

China's success in containing SARS has perhaps finally provided scientists with the attention they have long yearned for

importance of promoting science, scientists' hands are often tied. Those internal problems had a global impact in the fight against SARS, as the lack of domestic cooperation slowed the release of crucial information to researchers around the world trying to understand the disease.

Foreign health care professionals working in China told AFP they also noticed the turf wars.

"We've asked for more data from China about case studies. But what we found is even the Ministry of Health said that it was having trouble getting information out of the CDC (Center for Disease Control)," said a World Health Organization official.

Only on March 17—months after the disease surfaced in southern Guangdong province—did Bi get a sufficient number of samples from SARS patients to properly test for the origins of the virus.

It took less than a month for his laboratory to determine that SARS was caused by a coronavirus, supporting the contentions of overseas scientists

and contradicting theories put forth by senior Chinese scientists that SARS was caused by the bacteria chlamydia.

Criticism from the health ministry immediately followed Bi's April 11 announcement to the media and on the Internet. "CCTV (China's state television) issued a report warning that scientists who issue scientific findings on their own must take responsibility," Bi recalled.

Bi said he did not feel the need to wait until his research findings were approved by the health ministry, a process he says can take "days." The announcement was deleted from both his website and others hosted by media outlets, but only days later Bi was vindicated by the WHO, which announced April 16 that SARS was caused by coronavirus.

That vindication did little to ease Bi's sense of defeat as he felt that his government did not trust him, a feeling that still lingers two months later despite his high standing in the scientific community and the media.

"We need the government to take its hands off scientific research," said the outspoken doctor, a veteran of four years with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There is a link, he said, between freedom for scientists and freedom for the masses, as "only when a country is tolerant can it be democratic." Bi said restrictions on Chinese scientists, coupled with meager federal funding and inadequate equipment, have led to a brain drain in the scientific community.

"Ninety percent of our researchers have fled from China and gone to places like the United States. Why don't they come back? We should think about this," Bi said.

China's success in containing SARS has perhaps finally provided scientists with the attention they have long yearned for, and people like Bi see this as an opportunity to air their gripes.

"I'm very forthright. Government officials have asked me, 'Why did you tell the media you're not getting funding?'" he said. "I answered: It's true, I haven't gotten my funding."

AFP

Just what did he do?

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo



less as he walks to the gallows. Much like people would earnestly pray for a felon so he would own up and mend his ways.

What is the meaning of this "we support him"?

There are those who make the blanket statement that the bishop is innocent. Well, at least they make themselves clear. But, pray tell, what is their basis? They should tell us why he could not have sexually harassed someone, and not merely say he is a good man.

On the other side, women's groups and assorted individuals are quick to say that a woman will not go this far, go to a high-ranking church official to report Bacani's wrongdoing and shake things up if she wasn't truly aggrieved. What will she gain from it, they argue. Why tarnish a bishop's reputation and put her own on the line? And Bacani is not just any bishop, he is an accomplished, popular national figure. What is the likelihood that she would be believed? It's her word against his.

But he did something. To put it more strongly, he did do something. He said so himself when he apologized for the "consequences of the inappropriate expression of affection" toward his secretary who, he added, "must have felt hurt." But, he stressed in his letter that he was innocent of the accusations.

Bacani knew what his secretary was referring to. Otherwise he would have asked what she was talking about. In his letter, he did not use the words misinterpreted, misunderstood or misinterpreted to refer to "the inappropriate expression of affection." Saying this would mean he was admitting doing something which to him was innocent but which, it turned out,

was offensive as far as the woman was concerned.

Did Bacani realize his actions were inappropriate only after he did what he did, when the secretary showed signs of being offended? Or did he know that what he did was inappropriate any way one looked at it?

Just what did you do, Bishop? Tell us, because your secretary and those she confided in, are not telling us. You apologized for what you called "the consequences of the inappropriate expression of affection." Just the consequences, meaning, the act or acts were not wrong in themselves or were not ill-meant? The consequences, meaning the controversy that would rock the church, and not the act itself? Profilers went to town to describe the background of the bishop's accuser and stopped short of saying she might not be able to tell a genuine expression of affection from a lustful one.

Just what did the bishop do to you, Frances Elaine? I would have preferred that we were told what it was exactly. If it was a kiss, where did he plant it? The hand, the cheek, the forehead, the nape? Was it wet, was it dry? Was it straight out of "From Here to Eternity"? You know, that beach scene. I am not being facetious here.

Did he touch her? A touch could mean many things. If the bishop groped her the way airport security personnel do when checking for deadly weapons, then that was not just inappropriate, it was downright wrong, immoral, offensive. One could call it sexual harassment, even seduction. Yuck.

There are actions that are so plain wrong, there's no room for misinterpretation. Like attempted rape. I wish the complainant and her confidantes have been more specific from the start. If you want to make a strong case, go all the way. You either seek justice in private and keep the lid tight or you go all out deliberately, say what's what and not leave people speculating. Both the bishop and the secretary have left us speculating.

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EVERY other person and his/her second cousin seem to be either frothing in the mouth or livid over the Bacani affair and the sexual harassment rap filed by his secretary. And the media keep throwing survey questions to the public: did he or did he not; should he resign or not; has the Church rating dropped (important for the rating-crazy media); is she credible, is he credible, etc.

On what is the public to base the answers?

To use street-corner media lingo, this thing has been SS-ed to death. Squeezed to a pulp. SS stands for a number of things, among them "sariling sikap." (You get the drift.)

I am not saying this should have been all hush-hush and should not have landed in the media. We have been running stories like this since last year. I had first crack at the study on sexual violence committed by priests and religious conducted by the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines' Women and Gender Commission (AMRSP-WGC). I was so eager to have it out and I was glad the AMRSP-WGC was confident their report was in good hands. We did handle it well.

So what's my beef? This controversy is already two weeks old in the media and someone has yet to tell us what exactly it was that Bishop Teodoro Bacani did. If there are others who know, aside from the victimizer and the victim (which could be either one of them, depending on whose side you're on), they are not telling. The accused is not telling, the accuser is not telling the public.

Bacani loyalists stand by him and declare his innocence. The million-or-so-strong El Shaddai (headed by Mike Velarde and of which Bacani is spiritual adviser) demonstrated their support during their recent weekend prayer rally. What are you supporting, I could not help asking. Is it Bacani's innocence? But how do you know he is innocent? Or is it his person and office? Meaning, whether the bishop is guilty or not, he needs prayers and moral support, so he would have the strength to weather it all? Much like people would pray for a death convict who is guilty but who needs support nonetheless.

Anti-technology rhetoric

THIS is in response to the letter, "Smoking gun on genetic engineering," published last June 12. I support the writer's call for a public discussion of the merits of bringing in Bt-corn and other GMOs into the Philippine market. I mean, a thorough discussion not only of its scientific merits but also of its effect on the national economy. I hasten to add, however, that scientific arguments against it, in particular its safety, should be based on a careful reading of scientific literature.

The argument that GMOs like Bt-corn can cause cancer because a boy who received gene-therapy subsequently developed leukemia is simply untenable. The SCID gene-therapy in question used

retrovirus to insert the missing gene into the patient's genomic DNA, and apparently, the retrovirus had inserted itself incorrectly and possibly activated a different set of gene. Critics of this molecular technique were already aware of the risk of such mis-insertion.

This is not the same as ingesting foodstuff containing a viral promoter in its DNA. It is extremely unlikely for such DNA to pass through the gastro-intestinal barrier intact, let alone sneak its way into the cell's nucleus without first getting chopped up. (Note that a viral promoter is only a short segment of the virus' genome, basically to induce bacteria to make multiple gene copies.) It would be

horrible if foreign DNAs get incorporated this way as it would make real the saying, "You are what you eat."

In our effort to clearly inform the public in our debates, we cannot resort to such charged generalizations as "genetic engineering can cause cancer." Asbestos can, so can a high dose of X-ray, but we never say chemistry or radiology can cause cancer. With our country falling behind our neighbors in scientific progress, and our leaders having no vision of a new knowledge-driven economy, the last thing we need now is anti-technology rhetoric.

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How about a road map out of poverty?

DURING her joint press conference with US President George W. Bush at the White House, President Macapagal-Arroyo mentioned that poverty was at the root of terrorism, implying that unless poverty was dealt with, the war against terror could not be won. Like a polite host, Bush observed that Osama bin Laden was not a poor man.

Of course, President Macapa-

gal is correct. Poverty, especially the kind engendered by injustice, is the factory of terrorists. So long as poverty and injustice are the lot of Muslims in Mindanao, there can never be real peace in the region.

Similarly, the New People's Army is basically against mass poverty and injustice.

But why has not President Macapagal, who has now been

more than two years in office, come out with a road map out of poverty and injustice for the Filipino people? Bush's road map, for which she came home with promised goodies from the White House, is against terrorism.

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Garbage piling up in Antipolo

I AM a resident of one of the many subdivisions in Barrio Mayamot, Antipolo City, along Marcos Highway. For weeks now, the garbage collection has been irregular, and if garbage is collected at all, it is done so sporadically without any recognizable pattern.

While the garbage is piling up, President Macapagal-Arroyo is elsewhere, lecturing the citizenry about the virtue of cleanliness. We would gladly oblige her, if only someone would enlighten us on who is responsible for this mess.

I recently went to the Antipolo City Hall. But after being given the usual run-around while searching for the officer in charge, my wife and I were told there was nothing they could do,

since the hauling of garbage had recently been subcontracted to a private contractor.

When I wondered if the city government wasn't the least bit interested to find out why a contractor, whom they presumably paid for his services, did not live up to his obligations, we were again told to take the matter up with the contractor himself. Aside from speaking volumes about the manner in which taxpayers' money is accounted here, it also was the dumbest thing I have heard in a long time. The local government, which is obviously incapable of solving this problem, has simply opted to leave citizens alone with this mess.

I am a foreigner and I have lived

here for more than 13 years now, and the garbage problem has continuously worsened. A few years ago, I watched with interest how a vocal minority shot down the incinerator project, citing air pollution as the main reason for their objection. I can assure you that the thousands of small smoldering garbage heaps that burn all over Metro Manila every day, set on fire by people who don't know better, are far worse than any state-of-the-art incineration.

Will someone in authority kindly tell us what we can do in this situation?

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Boorish guards at Marikina hospital

AMANG Rodriguez Medical Center is the cleanest hospital in Marikina City. The patients treated in the hospital are satisfied with the treatment and care given by highly qualified doctors and nurses.

But while hospital services are excellent, the security services are marked by rudeness and lack of respect for the sick, the women

and the elderly.

The rules and regulations are good enough to maintain orderly day to day activities. Those clad in ordinary, casual clothes, strap blouses and short pants are not allowed entry. This is acceptable but some first-timers find it harsh especially when the security guard shouts at them.

People go to a hospital because

they are sick or are not feeling well. It is not right for nurses and security guards to add to their discomfort. This defeats the purpose of the government of Marikina City to provide a vital service to its constituents.

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Shanty town going up in UP?

NEAL Cruz's column last Tuesday, "Squatting syndicates invade campus of state university," confirmed my personal observation and suspicion that these people slowly encroaching upon university lands are a bunch of opportunists.

Needless to say, I am a graduate of this institution and it would be sad to see it deteriorate. I hope the alumni, students, officials and other concerned individuals and groups will do something about it before this institution of

learning becomes one big shanty town.

We hope Cruz will have follow-up columns related to this concern!

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Tough time getting Meralco refund

THANKS are due Meralco for the completion of the first phase of its refund to customers as mandated by the Supreme Court. The refund process could have been perfect in Batangas City if the administrative staff who handled it had been a little bit less strict. I hope my experience was not duplicated elsewhere, but I doubt it.

Last June 9, upon presenting the advice of refund sent to me by Meralco, I was asked by the teller to present my identification. I gave her my SSS and BIR-TIN cards. She told me she needed one with a picture. I took out my voter's ID, with a picture. She told me it was too old, so I

showed her my relatively newer ATM card. She did not honor it either and said she wanted a government-issued ID. With an impatient smile, she asked me to sign instead a statement indicating that I preferred to have my refund credited to future power billings. I refused to sign it, not so much because I needed the cash, as because I believe that the choice should have been mine to make, not the Meralco teller's. Neither, I thought, should the option be imposed.

Spotting a "Help Desk" nearby, I went there but to no avail. So, I went to the manager. Without much ado, he personally led me to

the teller and calmly ordered the release of my cash refund.

While all is well that ends well, such annoying experience should not be allowed to pass without comment. It may have merely spelled the difference between managerial discretion and a clerical mentality, but I still believe that establishments directly dealing with the public should not, wittingly or unwittingly, allow their image and good intentions to be tarnished by narrow-minded employees lacking basic common sense.

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Bribery attempt, yes; extortion, no

THIS is in connection with the editorial titled "Peace and Order" last June 15 which read in part:

"This is troubling enough, but the case of Reyes' alleged accomplice, Dr. Jet Castro of the NBI Medico Legal Office in Dagupan, is even more so. Castro, who prepared the autopsy report in question and journeyed to Manila to receive his share of the money, joined the NBI only last August. That he gave up his career as a practicing physician and became a practicing fixer in less than a year's time gives us a true measure of the country's culture of corruption."

The editorial titled "Lessons for life" last June 16 read in part:

"Doctors Maximo Reyes, chief of the Medico-Legal Division of the National Bureau of Investigation, and Jet Castro of the NBI office in Dagupan must have forgotten their Hippocratic oaths, as well as their public service duties. Caught in the act of extorting P200,000 from a fellow physician last week, they have in one blow made all NBI forensic findings suspect. And to think that Castro joined the agency only last August. The lesson: Corruption is a culture that corrodes even science."

The above quoted assertions are false. I never have been a fixer in my entire life. In the incident referred to, I was the one being bribed and corrupted by Dr. Lenet Chan and her sister Dr. Tess Chan. The intention of Dr. Lenet Chan to bribe me was done repeatedly over the telephone but I consistently rejected their pleas and stood pat on my autopsy report, which I submitted to the NBI main office.

On or about March 26, I submitted my draft of the autopsy report together with the medical chart to our main office in Manila. Histopathologic studies had to be made to confirm my findings. This process usually takes two to three months or more. Hence, I could not reveal the results of my autopsy report until after it was approved and released by the Medico Legal at the main office.

I was not caught in the act of extorting P200,000 or any amount simply because I definitely never tried to extort the amount.

On June 12, I went to the NBI administration office to obtain the certificate of my official business for the previous week. I never went to the office of Dr. Maximo Reyes that day or thereafter. Then I went down to the Medico Legal Staff Office to get my salary, my bag and the signed/ approved autopsy report, but as I was about to enter the office, I was accosted by some NBI agents and ordered to go with them. I angrily told them I was willing to go with them and force was unnecessary.

After around 45 minutes during which I was questioned and finger-printed, I was released. After I got my salary, bag and the autopsy report, I went home to Dagupan City.

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Best friend of the urban poor

WE write to remind people that Bishop Ted Bacani for many years has been the best friend the urban poor has had.

Whenever a bishop was needed to say Mass on a special occasion for the urban poor, we thought first of Bishop Bacani, and he always came. He was with the poor for their Panunuluyan celebration in December, when he said Mass for 3,000 urban poor people in the cathedral. In his sermon, he said the Church must become the Church of the Poor if she wants to

live as God intended. He seemed deeply touched by the scene. Never had so many poor people gathered at the Cathedral.

When groups of poor people had problems with the government, the bishop would arrange for them a meeting with people who could help, including the President. He joined actual negotiations with the government when the people asked. He hosted meetings of different urban poor groups with government agencies. These groups only came to-

gether because he invited each of them. We don't know anyone else who could have brought them to sit down and discuss together. He visited the urban poor areas, financed an urban poor desk in Calocan, wrote a pastoral statement on the urban poor and homelessness for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.

The bishop will be missed.

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National masochism

MY Auntie Juannie called me the other day to complain. "Mike, I have something for you to write about," she said. "Why does your paper have so many sections?"

Auntie Juannie's main gripe about having so many sections is that she often ends up getting an incomplete paper, and as Murphy's Law goes, the missing sections are usually her favorite ones—for example, the weekly magazine.

She also explained it was too much of a hassle to have to check each time the newsboy delivered the papers, especially because the number of sections keeps changing. She has complained and the newsboy explained that they get the papers already packed for delivery so the missing sections were due to problems at the printing plant. Auntie Juannie's worried that if the number of sections continues to increase, she's bound to get more and more incomplete papers.

Rather coincidentally, my father had the same complaint about this trend among daily newspapers, or at least with two of the three leading ones. Both my father and Auntie Juannie have threatened to go to the remaining daily newspaper but I point out that while it may have fewer sections it features articles in Section A which trail off halfway with the last part featured in Section D.

I know all the world's great papers have several sections but each section is substantial, a joy to read. Here, we get sections that only have four pages, about three of which are taken up by ads.

I've tried to figure out why we have so many sections and can only speculate that it might have something to do with our large families. Maybe with Filipino families having half a dozen kids, plus the parents and grandparents and a few uncles and aunts living together, we need something for everyone: Section D with fashion and cosmetics news for teenage children, for example, Section T with motoring news for the aunt who's into drag racing, maybe even Section Z with pet news for Bantay and Moning.

(Which reminds me, quite a few of my friends have observed that "the other paper" has a regular pet section while the INQUIRER doesn't, but that they'd be perfectly happy with a pet page, rather than another section.)

Okay, so maybe having so many sections is part of promoting family life, but I can imagine an alternative disruptive scenario. Think of a case (I'm thinking of a real one) where the father is almost obsessive about orderliness, while the mother, well, let's just say she enjoys an occasional clutter, which can get quite serious when you have so many newspaper sections. Add to that her penchant for saving back issues because her son has a column, and you can imagine the chaos.

Another theory I have about this section-mania is that it runs parallel to our bureaucratic mind-set. We're always creating new government departments and bureaus and sections, each with its own set of procedures and forms (running of course from Form A to Form Z, like our newspaper sections).

The torment doesn't end there. Each form usually has to be filled out at least in quintuplicate, and for low-budget government agencies (which means just about every agency), the forms aren't carbonized so you end up having to sign five times for each document.

My sub-theory here is that it's part of the bureaucracy's AIDS: As If Doing Something.

Mind you, the private sector has been infected as well by these inane procedures. Notice that when you open a new bank account you have to sign at least three times, on each of about five signature cards, plus separate application forms. Not that it makes your account more secure. Once someone forged my signature to illegally transfer quite a substantial amount of money from my account, in a bank that claims to be world-class, to some rinky-dink rural bank in Bulacan. I am certain it was an inside job and no wonder, with so many signature cards floating around in the banks, security's bound to get breached.

If I might get back to the matter of "sectioning," I just have to mention PLDT's totally useless phone directories. You figure out why they have to have three sections, totaling 2,441 pages: "Residential Listings," "Household & Business," "Government/Business." Need to know when "Chinese goods begin to flow into the Philippines?" Well, well, the directory has "Highlights of Philippine History," which says those goods began to come in 960 A.D.

Now, if your dog just swallowed your cell phone (it happens) and you need a vet, you're going to have to figure out which of the three sections to check. If you finally find the number, it's bound to be "no longer in service."

When you get that "no longer in service" number, your next step is to call the PLDT directory assistance. And know what? At least the last time I searched, through the 2,441 pages, that number wasn't listed. I guess PLDT presumes we all know what that number is. I don't, to this day.

Ah, the mysteries of living in the Philippines. I'm suddenly remembering still another mystery: why do so many offices, government and private, insist on stapling the mail? I suspect it's for security reasons, but really, one staple isn't any more useful for preventing pilferage than sprinkling the mail with holy water. Yet that one infernal staple can make life so much more difficult. Be careful. I have a friend who was once so frustrated trying to open the stapled envelope that he finally ripped it open, accompanied by a volley of invectives, to find it contained a check or what resembled a check. He had to write for a replacement, with a letter of complaint about the offending staple. The response? A replacement check came in the mail properly secured, meaning improperly stapled.

I could think up grand anthropological and sociological and public administration theories to explain none inaneities but maybe it's all a simple case of a nation wanting, wishing, craving, begging for pain. National masochism, that's all there is to it.

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US troops open fire on Iraqi protesters, kill 2 ex-soldiers

BAGHDAD—US troops fired into a crowd of stone-throwing Iraqi protesters outside the US headquarters on Wednesday, wounding two Iraqis, and a US officer said both men had later died.

"Both men who were evacuated died of their wounds," Lt. Col. Richard Douglas told reporters.

It was the first such shooting in the capital since it fell to US-led forces over two months ago.

The crowd of up to 300 former soldiers was demonstrating at the former presidential palace in the center of Baghdad, today coalition headquarters, and started throwing stones at US troops, who opened fire, according to an AFP correspondent at the scene.

A US army spokesperson refused to comment.

One of the protesters, Essam Mansur Hussein, a 49-year-old officer under the ousted regime, warned that they were now prepared to take up arms against the US troops occupying the city.

"Every day we come to protest peacefully, but it's useless. In the coming days it will not be peaceful. They have to realize that if we have nothing to eat there will be Feyadeen (militia) operations every day."

"We will blow them up one by one until they either leave or are all dead," he warned.

The former soldiers were demanding payment of salaries still unpaid three weeks after the top US civil administrator in Iraq, Paul Bremer, officially dissolved the Iraqi army on May 23.

Others in the crowd expressed anger at the continued US presence in Iraq.

"Look at this army of liberation. They came saying they would liberate us from Saddam Hussein and now they kill us. They riddle us with bullets and turn us into martyrs while they are proud of being a 'democratic country,'" said Ali al Ruhaini, 46, a former junior officer.

Demonstrators threw stones at US troops and vehicles before turning their anger on journalists at the scene. US troops then delivered two or three bursts of gunfire, according to a reporter.

US forces also detained for 15 minutes a television crew from Lebanese network LBC, who were covering the demonstration.

The dead soldier was a former officer in his 60s. Iraqis carried the dead man along with another man suffering gunshot wounds into the presidential palace.

The shooting was just the latest clash between US troops and Iraqi civilians. A US soldier was critically wounded Friday in fierce fighting in Iraq's northern capital Mosul.

A similar demonstration the day before turned ugly as several hundred former members of the Iraqi army demanding their salaries tried to storm the government building in Mosul, witnesses said.

A Kurdish official said initial reports indicated three demonstrators were killed by local police in that demonstration, but there was no definitive casualty toll. *AFP Reuters*



A US Army soldier orders Iraqi army soldiers, protesting against lack of pay by the interim administration, to keep back during a violent demonstration in the capital Baghdad June 18. *Reuters*

US soldier killed in latest Iraq ambush

BAGHDAD—A US soldier died Tuesday after being shot in the back by a sniper while on patrol in the lawless streets of Baghdad, the latest in a series of deadly ambushes that have plagued US troops trying to police Iraq.

After the shooting and two mysterious explosions in the city, scores of heavily armed US troops swept through central Baghdad, sealing off roads and searching houses.

Faced with widespread crime and a wave of attacks, the US-led administration in Iraq said it issued an order outlawing the

incitement of violence against occupying forces and Iraqi citizens, and would set up a new criminal court.

At least 41 soldiers have been killed by hostile action since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat operations over in Iraq. The US military blames the attacks on guerrillas loyal to ousted President Saddam Hussein.

"A 1st Armored Division soldier died of a gunshot wound early this morning," an Army statement said. "The soldier, who was taking part in a patrol, was sitting in a military

vehicle when he was struck in the back by a small caliber bullet."

The Pentagon identified the soldier as Pvt. Shawn Pahnke, 25, of Shelbyville, Indiana, who was assigned to 37th Armored Regiment of 1st Armored Division based in Friedberg, Germany.

In a separate incident overnight, a car exploded in western Baghdad, and residents said a woman and young girl had been killed. They said the blast happened at an intersection where US troops manned a checkpoint earlier in the day. *Reuters*

WHO: Worst over in fight against SARS

KUALA LUMPUR/GENEVA—The World Health Organization said on Tuesday the worst is over in the battle against SARS and lifted its warning against travel to Taiwan, leaving Beijing as the only place with an advisory in force.

But the United Nations agency said health workers and emergency response centers must stay alert for fresh outbreaks of the illness, which kills some 15 percent of victims, and watch out for other new diseases.

The advice against unnecessary trips to Taiwan, issued a month ago as SARS cases surged there, was dropped because the situation on the island "has now improved significantly," WHO said in a statement.

"We must continue to fight against this disease nationally, regionally and globally, until the end," Shigeru Omi, director for the World Health Organization in the Western Pacific Region, told a conference of health officials in Malaysia.

"The SARS epidemic is now coming under control but the fight is by no means over. SARS is not defeated, other new diseases will threaten us in the future. We must be better prepared next time," he said.

The flu-like virus, traced to the southern Chinese province of Guangdong, has killed almost 800 people worldwide and infected about 8,500 since it emerged late last year.

Aside from China and Taiwan deaths have also been reported in Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines and Malaysia.

Experts disagree over whether a renewed outbreak is likely during the Northern Hemisphere winter. *Reuters*

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Liberia gov't, rebels sign truce to end war

ACCRA—Liberian rebels on Tuesday signed a long-awaited truce with President Charles Taylor's government to end a four-year civil war, sparking hope that one of Africa's worst conflicts could finally come to an end.

The ceasefire was signed by the leaders of two rebel groups, said to control 12 of Liberia's 15 counties, and by Defense Minister Daniel Chea.

The deal provides for "comprehensive peace talks" within 30 days on the establishment of a transition government from

which Taylor will be excluded.

Former Nigerian president Abdulsalam Abubakar, who mediated the Ghana talks mandated by the Economic Community of West African States (Ecomog), broke into a broad smile at the signing, heralding it as "the moment we have all been waiting for."

He said the truce offered "great hope for the suffering and dying ordinary and innocent citizens of Liberia that their intolerable ordeal will soon end" and allow "displaced people and refugees... inside and outside Liberia to go back

to their own homes and once again live in dignity and peace."

Washington welcomed the truce, saying: "We applaud the ceasefire that was signed today. We further applaud the goal of concluding an agreement within 30 days on an interim government that would not include the current president, Mr. Taylor," said State Department spokesperson Philip Reeker.

"Obviously our hope and goal would be to see a government there based on democratic principles that, as I said, can provide a much better life for the people of

Liberia," Reeker said.

Meanwhile the UN-backed court that has indicted Taylor for war crimes said the truce had no bearing on charges facing him, a spokesperson said.

"It is not possible to withdraw the indictment" against Taylor, said David Hecht, spokesperson for the UN-backed tribunal, which has charged the Liberian leader for war crimes in Sierra Leone's 10-year civil war.

The Liberian conflict has spread chaos in west Africa and fuelled a humanitarian crisis both within

Liberia and in nearby countries, which are struggling with their meager resources to feed and house Liberian refugees.

Kabineh Ja'neh from the main rebel group, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD), who signed the truce on behalf of his organization, said: "It's a great day for all Liberians."

"The people of Liberia will no more resort to arms to resolve our grievances," he said as he hugged Defense Minister Chea.

Tia Slanger, who signed the agreement on behalf of the newly emerged

Movement for Democracy in Liberia (Model), active in southern Liberia, vowed that his group would never to "anything to jeopardize the peace."

Defense Minister Chea added: "If we did not learn any lesson from the past, now we will learn. There are no winners in a war, everyone loses. From now it's forward ever, backward never."

As news of the ceasefire filtered into the Liberian seaside capital, hundreds of excited civilians streamed into the streets, screaming: "We want peace!" and "No more war!" AFP

Terror attack on Western city likely—UK

LONDON—A terror attack on a major Western city using chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear (CBRN) technology is "only a matter of time," the head of Britain's domestic intelligence service MI5 said on Tuesday.

Eliza Manningham-Buller said violent extremists were becoming more sophisticated in developing such non-conventional threats thanks to help from "renegade scientists."

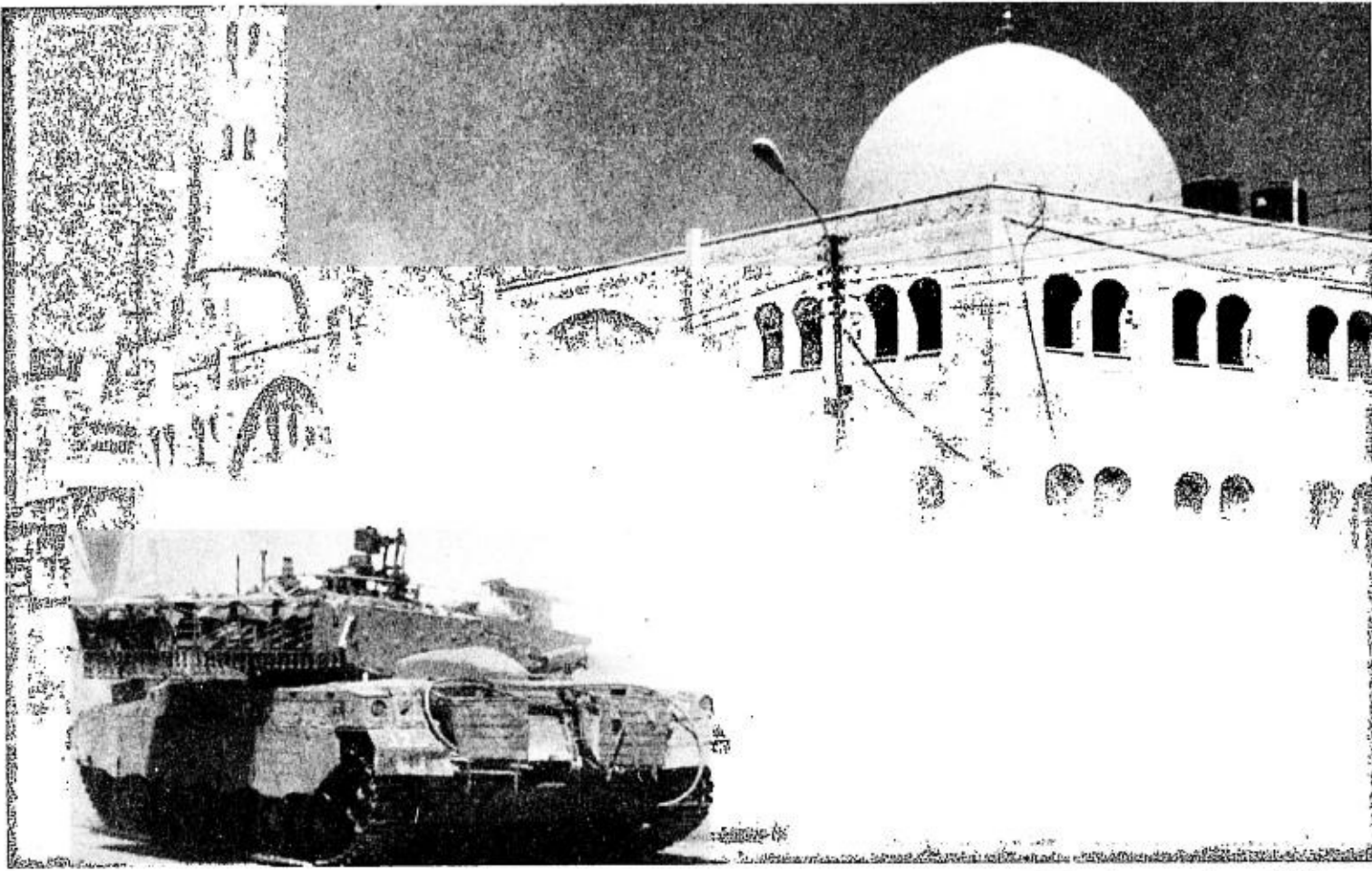
"We are faced with the realistic possibility of some form of unconventional attack. That could include a CBRN attack," she told a conference in London on countering terrorism.

"Sadly, given the widespread proliferation of the technical knowledge to construct these weapons, it will only be a matter of time before a crude version of a CBRN attack is launched at a major Western city," she added.

The MI5 head was not referring to any specific new threat and was only repeating previous warnings from intelligence sources. But such blunt words in public from a senior secret service official are rare.

Manningham-Buller, who took over MI5 late last year as only the second-ever woman head, said intelligence showed rogue scientists had been helping groups including al-Qaida, blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks against the United States.

"We know that renegade scientists have cooperated with al-Qaida and provided them with some of the knowledge they need to develop these weapons," she said, without saying where the scientists were from. Reuters



AN ISRAELI tank passes in front of a mosque in the West Bank Refugee Camp of Askar, near Nablus, June 17. Israeli troops shot and lightly wounded two young Palestinians during the clashes of Askar, Palestinian hospital sources said. AFP

Palestinian gunmen kill Israeli girl

JERUSALEM—Palestinian gunmen killed an Israeli girl on a road near the West Bank, feeding a cycle of violence that has battered a peace plan US Secretary of State Colin Powell will try to rescue in a new Middle East visit.

The attack on a car near Kibbutz Eyal in central Israel late on Tuesday happened just after Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas failed to persuade militants to call a ceasefire with Israel.

Israeli government spokesperson Avi Pazner said on Wednesday the attack was "further proof that the terrorist organizations have not ceased and apparently do not intend to cease their terror activity."

There was no immediate claim

of responsibility for the shooting which the army said was carried out by Palestinians.

Medics said the dead girl was seven and identified two people wounded in the attack as her 5-year-old sister and her father.

Talks between Abbas and 13 militant factions on ending attacks on Israelis broke up without agreement on Tuesday.

"We have re-emphasized that resistance is a legitimate right of our people," senior Islamic Jihad official Mohammed al-Hindi said after the Gaza City meeting.

More than 50 people have died in tit-for-tat Israeli-Palestinian attacks since Abbas, US President George Bush and Israeli Prime

Minister Ariel Sharon affirmed a peace "road map" two weeks ago.

Facing the prospect of the collapse of the most ambitious Middle East peace plan in more than two years, the United States said Powell would visit Israel on Friday to mediate.

The road map, which envisages the creation of a Palestinian state by 2005, mandates a crackdown on militant groups along with Israeli troop pullbacks in the West Bank and Gaza.

Sharon has ruled out concessions unless Abbas subdues Hamas, radical Islamists spearheading a suicide bombing campaign that has killed scores of Israelis since the start of a Palestinian uprising for statehood in September 2000.

But a senior Israeli security

source said the military would scale back "track-and-kill operations" against militants in a deal struck by Sharon confidants with US officials in Washington this week to boost the road map's chances.

The policy would only target militants identified as likely to carry out an attack imminently, and not top-echelon political figures such as Hamas's Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi, whom Israel tried in vain to assassinate June 10.

"We have undertaken to limit our track-and-kill operations to terrorists who are definitely 'ticking bombs'. When it comes to more borderline cases such as Rantissi, who is in a command position, we will hold fire as much as possible," he said. Reuters

US bishop linked to hit-and-run fatality

LOS ANGELES—A US Catholic bishop was charged Tuesday with fleeing the scene of a deadly hit-and-run crash, just two weeks after avoiding prosecution for covering up alleged sex abuse by priests.

The charges deal a fresh blow to the church's already tarnished image in the United States after a rash of allegations and arrests of pedophile priests in its long-running child sex abuse scandal.

Bishop Thomas O'Brien, 67, church leader in Phoenix in the western state Arizona, was formally charged a day after being arrested and then freed on \$45,000 bail.

The beleaguered bishop's latest brush with the law comes just two weeks after he admitted covering up child sex abuse by priests as part of a rare deal with authorities that averted his prosecution.

Maricopa County prosecutor Rick Romley vowed that the troubled cleric would not get special treatment and that if convicted he might face a tougher sentence given his admitted role in the child abuse scandal.

"He will not be treated any differently to anybody else," Romley told reporters. "We must keep our focus here; a person has died because of this accident."

Romley said he had been "incredulous" to learn that the bishop had allegedly sped away from the scene of a crash in which someone had been killed. "It truly was a shock," he said.

If convicted on the single charge, the bishop could face up to four years in jail. No date for his arraignment has yet been set. AFP

Riots rock Michigan city

BENTON HARBOR, Michigan—Hundreds of people rioted for a second straight night following the death of a biker who was being chased by police, setting houses and cars ablaze as authorities declared a state of emergency.

Police confirmed one person was shot in the shoulder and said there have been a couple stabbings as well as beatings. Four houses and five private cars were on fire and several police cars were damaged in this southwestern Michigan city of about 12,000 people where allegations of police harassment have been a source of tension.

More than 100 police officers from the Michigan State Police, Benton Harbor and other nearby cities were on the scene in riot gear and preparing to use tear gas on the crowd early Wednesday morning.

At least seven people had been arrested.

The violence stemmed from the death early Monday of Terrence Shurn, 28, of Benton Harbor, who lost control of his speeding motorcycle while being chased by a police officer.

Police said they did not know why Shurn was fleeing from the officers, although his operator's license had been suspended and officers found a small amount of marijuana on him, state police Lt. Joseph Zangaro said.

The death sparked three hours of unrest late Monday and early Tuesday in which police officers were pelted with bricks and bottles, and several police and fire department vehicles were damaged.

The initial wave of chaos subsided at about 2 a.m. Tuesday, but more violence broke out Tuesday night. AP



POLICE officers move toward a building set on fire by rioters on June 17, in Benton Harbor, Mich. Hundreds of people rioted for a second straight night following the death of a biker who was being chased by police. AFP

China: Nokor's concerns should be respected

PHNOM PENH—China appealed to the international community Wednesday to consider the "security concerns" of North Korea, while demanding a nuclear weapons-free zone on the Korean peninsula.

"We believe, of course, there should be no nuclear arms on the peninsula, it should be nuclear free," Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said at the Asean Regional Forum (ARF), the top security umbrella in the Asia-Pacific region.

"At the same time of course, the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) security concerns should be appropriately addressed," he said.

"This is good for all sides. This is good for world peace and stability and this is the general consensus of the international community."

Li made the remarks as communist North Korea expressed staunch opposition Wednesday to multilateral talks on the nuclear crisis, saying they were part of Washington's strategy to crush the regime.

"It has become clear that the US insistence on multilateral talks is not to resolve the nuclear issue peacefully, but to camouflage its act of isolating and stifling our country," a foreign ministry spokesperson told the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

Following initial three-way talks in Beijing in April, the United States is insisting on five-party talks to include China, Japan and South Korea as well as North Korea and the United States for the next round.

"We can no longer expect anything from multilateral talks that the United States is proposing," the spokesman was quoted as saying in the Korean language KCNA report carried by South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi, commenting on Pyongyang's rejection, said Tokyo's position was that multilateral talks "are necessary" and "we certainly hope that Japan will be able to join."



Li said he believed the Beijing talks were "a major good start for the working out of a peaceful solution of the Korean nuclear issue."

But he warned, without elaborating, that "the road ahead is very long and will have many problems, I think."

He urged all parties "not to take any actions or say any words that would intensify the situation."

Li said all speakers at the security forum had "highly assessed" the Beijing three-party meeting between China, North Korea and the United States and added that they believed "the issue should be worked out through dialogue and (in a) peaceful manner." AFP

WATCHING GAME—A North Korean soldier looks south through binoculars at the truce village of Panmunjom, about 55 km north of Seoul on June 18. North Korea vowed on Wednesday to strengthen its nuclear deterrent.

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Across the NATION

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9 rebs, 1 soldier killed in Zambales

Trauma leading cause of death in ARMM

By Blanche S. Rivera

TRAUMA due to violence is the leading cause of death in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, where hostilities continue to displace thousands of families in the region, according to ARMM Health Secretary Lampa Pandi.

Pandi cited field reports from health workers showing that trauma had been a serious problem among Muslims for the past three years. The ARMM health office defines trauma as including deaths due to gunfire, bombings and other violent incidents, such as but not limited to clashes between military and rebel troops. These include accidental deaths due to violence.

Out of 100,000 deaths in the ARMM, 24,000 are listed in the field reports as due to trauma. Two percent of every 1,000 population suffer traumatic injuries, the eighth leading cause of illness in the ARMM.

Health concerns in the region were discussed by health officials and international agencies giving aid to Mindanao yesterday during the first ARMM Health Congress held in Pasig City.

"What we're saying is it's a trend, the prevailing cause of death in the entire region is trauma-related," Pandi said. He added that military and rebel clashes were not the only cause of trauma.

While trauma ranks first in the over-all picture, diarrhea continues to be the leading cause of illness, afflicting 13 percent of every 1,000 population, he said.

Influenza, pneumonia, tuberculosis, skin disease, bronchitis, malaria, hypertension and malnutrition are among the top 10 illnesses of people in the ARMM.

Many of the diseases are prevalent in evacuation centers and barangays that lack health facilities, and food and water supplies.

"It's a very, very crucial factor because if



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there is peace and order problem, our health workers cannot go to areas that are critical," Pandi said when asked how peace and order affected the health situation in the ARMM.

"If there are ongoing military operations or skirmishes, people are displaced, and if they are displaced, they are exposed to various health problems," he added.

The ARMM has the smallest number of barangay health stations in Mindanao, with only 359 stations for 2,148 barangays in the five provinces and one city.

Half of the barangay health stations in the region have inadequate facilities and medical supplies, according to Gov. Parouk Hussin. They could barely assist the people, especially during times of hostilities when thousands of families are displaced and require health care.

Hussin said that the latest round of hostilities had displaced more than 100,000 people in Maguindanao alone, while the num-

ber of evacuees was also rising in Sulu.

He said his administration was stuck in the "vicious cycle of (providing) continuing relief" as funds were being diverted to emergency assistance instead of rehabilitation and development.

"This has set back all our efforts to alleviate the condition of our people... because when we are about to resettle our internally displaced people, a new round of hostilities erupt and we go back to providing relief," he said.

Pandi said 80 percent of his office budget was for the salaries of 1,762 personnel, while 20 percent had to be divided for hospital maintenance and implementation of priority health programs.

The national government has infused an additional P10 million for the assistance to evacuees, but Hussin said he did not know if this would be enough because the situation in the region was "very volatile."

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Nine New People's Army rebels and an Army soldier were killed in a three-hour long clash in upland Zambales on Tuesday, an Army official said.

About 50 rebels and three soldiers were also wounded in the firefight in Sitio Itanglew in San Marcelino, Zambales, according to Lt. Col. Preme Monta, information chief of the Army's Northern Luzon Command (Nolcom).

Monta, in a telephone interview with the INQUIRER, said they had not recovered the bodies of the slain rebels, but residents in the encounter site "positively confirmed" seeing the withdrawing rebels in Sitio Canaynayan "dragging" at least nine bodies.

The NPA's Josepino Corpus Command in Central Luzon has yet to confirm the number of its casualties.

Col. Domingo Tutaan, commander of the Army's 24th Infantry Battalion, said Pfc. Ronald Esperon was killed after the military jeepney he and other soldiers were riding in hit a landmine. His three companions suffered bullet and shrapnel wounds in the ensuing firefight with rebels.

Tutaan declined to identify the wounded soldiers, saying they had yet to notify their relatives. The soldiers were taken to the James L. Gordon Memorial Hospital in Olongapo City for treatment.

Monta said the clash, which started at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, occurred on the heels of an attack by a regional guerrilla unit on an Army detachment in Barangay Aglao on Monday night. The rebels were reportedly led by a commander known by his aliases

"Ka Basig" and "Ka Sacke."

About 30 soldiers and militiamen thwarted the assault on the post that blocked the NPA's established route to Pampanga, Tarlac and Pangasinan, Monta said.

According to him, more than 60 soldiers, moving in two groups, blocked the NPA rebels in Barangay San Rafael and forced them to move to Itanglew.

Complemented by a tank, government troops led by Army M/Sgt. Arnulfo Arma fired from the rear. This move, according to Monta, inflicted a big casualty on the rebels.

Soldiers recovered two unexploded landmines at the encounter site, reports said.

Maj. Gen. Romeo Dominguez, Nolcom chief, sent additional troops to San Marcelino on Tuesday night to continue pursuit operations.

In Compostela Valley, communist rebels executed a farmer in Monte Vista town after the victim allegedly refused to give "revolutionary tax."

Reports reaching the Southern Mindanao police office in Davao City said Diosdado Abenilla, 35, was taken from his house in Barangay Libaon on Sunday night by four New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

The report said the rebels dragged him to a secluded area about 500 meters from his house and shot him. *Tonette Orejas and Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk; and Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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2 Batangas police execs positive for drugs

By Mei Magsino

PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

BATANGAS CITY—The provincial police director yesterday admitted that two police officers under him were found positive for drugs after a surprise drug test conducted on June 3 by Philippine National Police regional drug laboratory.

The test was undertaken simultaneously with the first tactical inspection of Chief Supt. Jaime Caringal, regional police director, at the provincial police office in Camp General Miguel Malvar.

On Tuesday, Caringal said at least three officers belonging to the Calabarzon regional police had gone on absence without official leave, allegedly to escape the mandatory drug test among policemen.

"During that visit, we called on eight suspected drug users in the police force and had that group joined by other selected personnel to erase any doubts and hesitation among the suspected ones," Sr. Supt. Rodolfo Magtibay, provincial police director, said "unfor-

tunately, after the urine test, two of them turned out to be positive."

Magtibay said the two police officers were reportedly on the PNP list of suspected drug users and protectors. They had been assigned to other municipal and city police offices and at the provincial office when he received reports on their drug involvement, he said.

He refused to name the two officials. They will undergo another test from the PNP regional drug laboratory, he said. "After that, as per Department of Interior and Local Government rules, they would be subjected to a rehabilitation program."

"But personally," Magtibay said, "I would recommend for their dismissal."

Mandatory drug testing among police personnel was ordered by the DILG and has been implemented since last month.

"This only shows that we don't protect or tolerate erring police officers," Magtibay said. "It might look embarrassing for the entire police force to have some members found positive for drug use. But we have to cleanse our ranks."

In Lucena City, the provincial police chief told newsmen yesterday that the illegal drug situation in Quezon was a serious problem.

"Compared with my last assignment as Lucena police chief more than two years ago, the drug situation now in Quezon is more serious," Senior Supt. Federico Terte said. He did not elaborate.

Last month, at least seven city policemen belonging to the drug enforcement unit were transferred to different provincial police mobile groups on suspicion of involvement with local drug syndicates.

Also, gleaned from the daily journal at the provincial police headquarters in Camp Nakar, drug arrests in different localities have been a regular entry.

Terte disclosed that all 80 non-commissioned officers and 20 officers in the first batch of lawmen, who underwent the mandatory drug test last week, were found negative for drug use. The Lucena policemen who were reassigned

were among the group.

A second batch of 39 policemen who underwent the same drug test on Monday were still waiting for the results.

"Policeman who will not show himself during the scheduled date of the examination will face administrative sanction for insubordination if they cannot present a valid reason," he said.

Terte stressed that police officers had been deployed to the wide coastal areas in the province, which, he said, were still being considered strategic drop points of big-time illegal drug syndicates.

Among these points are the Pollilio-Real-Infanta-General Nakar area fronting the Pacific Ocean in the northern part of the province and the coastal areas of the Tayabas Bay in the second and third districts.

Terte also mentioned the town of San Francisco, the farthest municipality in the Bondoc Peninsula. With a report from Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

ROUNDUP

Cops in drugs warned

DAVAO CITY—Mayor Rodrigo Duterte said four city policemen were in the government's list of persons believed to be involved in illegal drug trafficking. Duterte vowed to "finish them off" as he announced an intensified fight against illegal drugs. Two other policemen, who were also in the list, were killed in a June 2 shootout with members of the Heinous Crime and Investigation Section of the city police, he said. If the remaining suspects still wanted to live, they should resign from the government and leave the city, he added.

Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

BIR target

DAVAO CITY—The Bureau of Internal Revenue in Southern Mindanao is on track of its collection target of P3.75 billion by yearend. Teodorica Arcega, BIR regional director, said that as of May, collections had already reached P1.58 billion, or P129 million more than the P1.45-billion take during the same period last year. The figure is still short by 1.71 percent or P27.5 million of the agency's target of P1.61 billion for January to May, but Arcega said, "we are still positive we can attain our target collection for this year."

Joel Escovilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Mitra building

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The provincial government on Monday unveiled a marker naming the Capitol's main building Speaker Ramon V. Mitra Building in accordance with an ordinance passed on Feb. 10. The ordinance, authored by Vice Gov. David Ponce de Leon, said Mitra was responsible for allocating P50 million for the construction of the building. The ceremony was witnessed by the late Speaker's two sons—Rep. Abraham "Kahili" B. Mitra (second district) and Capt. Monmon Mitra—and other relatives.

Geralford Ticke, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Anti-SARS measures lifted

SAN PABLO CITY—Bishop Francisco C. San Diego has lifted measures imposed on Laguna parishioners to prevent the spread of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), including communion by hand, holding hands while praying the "Our Father," and kissing the hands of priests. In a June 12 circular letter to be read on Sunday Masses on June 22, the prelate wrote that effective July 1, he was lifting the preventive measures mentioned in his April 30 circular letter. According to him, the decision was prompted by the World Health Organization's declaration on May 21 that the Philippines was "one of the SARS-free countries in Asia."

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Bank robbery

CALAMBA CITY—BMS Bank in Barangay Bukal here lost about P300,000 in cash to robbers on Monday. Police said at least two armed men barged into the bank and disarmed the lone security guard, Gerardo Centeno, at about 9:45 a.m. The robbers also took three cellular phones owned by bank employees.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Cocaine found

TUGUEGARAO CITY—Police recovered a pack of cocaine worth P8.7 million from a fisherman in Batanes. The cocaine, contained in a plastic bag, was reportedly thrown into the sea by crew members of a foreign ship that Philippine Coast Guard personnel chased last month in the waters off Itbayat, Batanes. Reports said Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency agents and policemen recovered the plastic bag from fisherman who retrieved it from the sea. Results of tests conducted by the police regional crime laboratory confirmed that the bag's contents were cocaine.

Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Cop hunted

BALAGTAS, Bulacan—Police are looking for a policeman and another man for allegedly killing a councilman in Barangay Burol 2nd last week. Reports said Insp. Reynaldo Maciang, assigned to the Southern Tagalog police office, and Francisco Reyes, of Barangay Santol, were the main suspects in the murder of Burol councilman Juanito Calalang, 56. Police said Reyes was hired by Maciang and his nephew, Vladimir Parulan, 24, to kill Calalang over a land dispute with the Parulan family. Parulan and his parents, Napoleon and Teresita, were earlier arrested and are facing murder charges.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Pet killings

BALIUAG, Bulacan—A carpenter stabbed and killed his brother-in-law after the latter's dog bit and killed the suspect's puppy. Police are now looking for Abraham Valderueza, 31, after he killed Avelino Nitro, 35, a truck driver, in Barangay Sabang on Saturday. Valderueza reportedly attacked Nitro after learning that his puppy was killed by the dog. Reports said the two dogs were playing when Nitro's dog became wild and started biting the puppy until it died.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Bridge restoration

BAGUIO CITY—Luzon Hydro Corp., a subsidiary of the Abolit-owned Hydroelectric Development Corp. (Hedcor), is restoring an Ilocos Sur bridge destroyed in 2001 by Typhoon "Feria." The bridge links Ilocos Sur communities that once protested the firm's expansion project there. Chris Saigler, LHC project manager, said in a statement that the firm is funding the restoration of a 292-meter bridge across the Amburayan River, which will connect Barangay Dalawa in Alliem, Ilocos Sur, and Barangay Namaltugan in Sudipen, La Union. LHC runs the 70-megawatt Bakun AC hydropower plant in Alliem.

Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Batangas access road

THE BATANGAS Port Access Road (Bolbok Interchange) is now ready to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic of commuters and motorists to and from the Batangas City port and Metro Manila, Nestor Agustin, regional director of the Department of Public Works and Highways has announced. In a statement, Agustin said the road would boost trade and tourism as it will provide fast and efficient delivery of goods and agricultural products to and from Mindoro, Batangas and Metro Manila. It will complement the Strong Republic National Highway that President Macapagal-Arroyo inaugurated March 31 as an alternative means for tourists of getting to Puerto Galera, Boracay and other tourist spots south of Metro Manila.

Mining firm denies report on Abra River pollution

BAGUIO CITY—An official of Lepanto Consolidated Mining Corp. on Wednesday said an environmental group report condemning the firm for allegedly polluting the Abra River had not been substantiated by proper scientific investigation.

In a letter to the INQUIRER, Glenn Batilando, LCMC environment manager, said the 64-year-old firm's tailings dam controlled pollution in that river, contrary to the findings of the Save the Abra River Movement (Starm), which was read to Abra Gov. Vicente Valera on June 11 in Benguet town.

Valera had asked for an impartial investigation of Lepanto's operations, after Dr. Anna Marie Leung, executive director of the Community Health Education, Services and Training (Chestcore), identified traces of seven toxic minerals in the river system.

But Batilando said the Starm study failed to administer established scientific procedures to warrant a credible conclusion about Lepanto's culpability in the river's pollution. He also said the presence of migratory birds and wildlife along the Abra River disproves claims that the river had generated massive cases of fish kills.

"We have seen (Leung's report) ... and after subjecting it to a scientific evaluation the same falls short of the appropriate procedures, definitive approach and systematic analyses to effectively qualify as a scientific paper," he said.

"It is filled with obscure generalities and unsubstantiated allegations, which lack truthful and unbiased verification and evidence. As such, the report can be considered nothing further than a scrap of paper worthy of the wastebasket."

Batilando said the firm's Tailings Dam 5-A treated mine effluents before the water was discharged to the Mankayan River in Benguet, a tributary of the Abra River. He said actual mine tailings are deposited in the tailings dam under strict guidelines from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau.

"Our tailings dam controls the volume and rate of flow of the Mankayan River. This allows the management of



LEPANTO'S tailings dam and the Mankayan River in Benguet, a tributary of the Abra River.

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catastrophic floods along the Mankayan River [by controlling] the release of water," he said.

Batilando also took Starm to task for blaming the firm for the region's watershed denudation.

LCMC, he said, now hosts 250 hectares of reforested property in Mankayan managed by partnership between LCMC and communities around the mine site.

Starm also presented their findings to the Baguio media earlier, citing an Abra board member's testimony that he had witnessed "dead fishes" along the river, as he journeyed to the city from the province.

The Starm report said its analysis indicated the "heavy metal content in the waters and soil downstream from the mining operations is elevated." It tested last year for traces of chromium, iron, phosphorous, cadmium, copper, lead and sulfides in the waters of Cervantes, Ilocos Sur, where the Abra River connects to the Amburayan River.

Leung said they took water samples from the mine tailings and soil samples from Barangay Camay in Cervantes to determine the effects of the chemicals on the river system and on rice fields. They also tested various fish species from downstream Quirino, Ilocos Sur.

"In particular, lead and copper in sur-

face water; and copper and arsenic in soil are elevated when compared to maximum limits set internationally. Samples tested positive for chromium at several sites," the September 2002 study said.

"How I wish we can still do something even to save only a single igat or a single bonog (small fish varieties)," Valera told participants of the Starm conference last week. He said the study should be reinforced by further studies in order to strengthen a possible class suit against the mine firm.

Vincent Cabreza and Desiree Caluza, with a report from Leoncio Balbin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Countdown for justice



WAPILE

IT IS exactly 402 days today since Pagadian Journalist Edgar Damalario was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

Witness in radioman's killing won't testify

LUCENA CITY—The head of the police task force investigating the killing of dwTI broadcaster Apolinario Pobeda lamented the loss of two potential witnesses to the killing.

Provincial police director Federico Terte told newsmen yesterday that one of the witnesses backtracked from his intention to testify against the arrested suspects because of fear for his family.

Terte said the other witness who had also identified the suspects was also having second thoughts of testi-

fying.

"But despite their loss, the Task Force Polly still maintains the position that it has a case against the suspects because of the positive identification of the lone remaining witness in its custody," he said.

Antonio Pobeda, uncle of the slain radioman and spokesperson of the Justice for Polly Movement, did not categorically consider the latest development a "setback."

"Anyway, the trial has yet to start and those supposed witnesses don't

have yet their testimonies. Although, we are surprised by the sudden developments," Pobeda said in a cellular phone interview.

He reiterated his earlier appeal for the other witnesses to come forward and help the family of the victim obtain justice.

"The site of the murder is a public place. We're very sure that there were still others out there who saw the killing and can positively identify the killers," he said. Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Mauled 'Gapo folksinger gets support from fans

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—It could have been another Cesar "Saro" Baniñares case, of the famous band Asin, had it not been for cooler heads who prevented a famous local folk singer from being assaulted further by four men in a restaurant in this freeport last week.

Art Acosta, an 18-year veteran of the local music scene, had just finished performing when he was attacked by a group of armed men on June 9.

"Pagkatapos ko silang pinaligaya, sa pamamagitan ng pag-awit at pagtugtog, binugbog pa nila ako (I entertained them through my songs and my music but they still beat me up)," said Acosta, who performed for free that night as a gift to the restaurant owner.

Acosta suffered bruises and cuts in the face, head and neck after the attack. He said he was thankful not only be-

cause he survived the attack, but because of the groundswell of support from people whose lives he has touched through his music.

Acosta said support from friends came in many forms, "mostly moral." Some brought food, others offered to pay his hospital bills and legal fees, while others who were present during the attack, offered to stand as witnesses should the case reach the courts.

"But I am turning down all financial offers," he said.

Acosta said he sang in the restaurant from 8 p.m. to midnight on June 9, taking only 15-20 minute breaks in between, when one of the guests, whom he identified as one Bengbeng Umali, asked him to sing more and paid him P1,000.

Acosta said he obliged.

But even before he could pack his guitar after another hour of singing, Acosta said Umali shouted invectives at him, complaining that his performance did not last an hour.

Acosta argued that it lasted an hour and offered to return the money to Umali "if you are not satisfied."

"It is good you returned the money or I would have killed you," Acosta quoted Umali as telling him.

Acosta said Umali's group then figured in a fight with another group of guests, but the latter was able to escape.

Acosta said Umali and his companions then turned their ire on him and proceeded to beat him up.

The singer lost his necklace, bracelet and a pair of diamond earrings during the incident.

Acosta said policemen from the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority arrived and invited him for questioning, but did not confront Umali's group.

He said during interrogation, one of the policemen apologized and told him: "Hindi namin sila maawat kasi baka lumala ang sitwasyon dahil debaril sila (We could not restrain them because the situation might worsen because they were carrying guns)."

The incident reminded local music lovers of the death of Baniñares, one of the original members of Asin, who was gunned down by one of his guests after he did not oblige to the guest's request for him to sing another song.

Acosta became famous for his rendition of Neil Diamond songs, earning for him the moniker "Art Diamond." Ansbert Joaquin, PDI Central Luzon Desk

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Bicol's mountain treasures

By Jose B. Perez
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TO GET a panoramic view of Bicolandia's majestic skyline, one simply has to saunter on the powdery white beaches of Caramoan in Camarines Sur. Or take a boat ride down the blue waters of the Lagonoy Gulf, home of the yellow fin tuna.

It is from these vantage points, especially on a clear summer's day, that the overwhelming splendor of Bicol's famous mountains looms before a frolicker's eyes: Mt. Isarog and Mt. Asog in Camarines Sur, and the perfect-coned Mayon Volcano in Albay—whom Bicolanos call the Daragang Magayon, or pretty maiden—that stands out as the fairest of them all.

Bicol, they say, is shaped by the "3Ms": its mountains, monsoons, and people's undying devotion to the Virgin of Peñafrancia, their "Ina," or Mother.

A first-timer who approaches the Bicol Peninsula from the sea or air will easily find out that the three mountains—together with Mt. Bulusan in Sorsogon and Mt. Labo in Camarines Norte—truly dominate Bicol's rugged landscape, which was then known as the Tierra de Ibalon.

Because they are of volcanic origin (Mayon and Bulusan are still active), these giant earth mounds produce thousands of megawatts of geothermal power. Geothermal plants in Tiwi, Albay and in Bacon, Sorsogon supply the bulk of the energy requirements of Metro Manila and the rest of Luzon.

Isarog's wonders

The herpetological wonders of Isarog have collectively been internationally acclaimed as one of the Philippines' most fragile and treasured centers of biological diversity. As a natural park, its rainforests continue to attract foreign and local scientists, and the more adventurous mountain trekkers, as well. Visitors are, however, advised to coordinate with the Protected Area Management Board of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources before venturing into any form of ex-

ploration, for their own safety.

During the Spanish colonial period, the Bicol peninsula was inhabited by mountain-dwelling Agta, Dumagat and Malayan descendants who were lowland dwellers.

The arrival of the Spaniards and Chinese traders brought about change in the ethnic composition of Bicol. The first shrine of the Our Lady of Peñafrancia was built by Spanish friars near the foot of Isarog to accommodate the Remontados (returnees to the mountains who tried to escape the burden of colonial rule) and eventually brought them back to the mainstream. Thus, to this day, as it was 150 years ago, the miraculous image of the Virgin is borne by barefoot brawny men during the *traslacion* (street procession) on her feast day in September.

Climbing Mayon

To disprove a wrong belief of the natives about the soul's immortality, Fray Esteban de Solis in 1592 dared the unbelieving *indios* to scale the heights of Mayon. Halfway to the peak, many in the entourage gave up. The next day, only one persevered with the friar.

Upon reaching the summit, Fray Esteban told the *indio*: "See how there is nothing here of what you speak. Call on whoever you may wish, to see if there is anyone who answers you. Do you not see all this is deceit of the devil to carry you off to hell where you will suffer eternal flames much more consuming than those of this volcano?"

Upon their descent, the *indio* begged to be baptized. His tale and baptism were enough for the natives to forswear their old beliefs. On that day alone, a hundred natives were baptized.

The late Fr. James O'Brien, S.J., author of a book on Bicol history and culture intended for his students at the Ateneo de Naga University, opined that Bicol seemed to have been isolated from the rest of Luzon. In 1890, it would take a full month sailing from Mauban, Quezon to get to Naga. Rail service, which reached Dagupan as early as 1887, only came to Bicol in 1938, and road transport through the Philippine-Japan Friendship (Maharlika) Highway became operational only in 1971.

But seeing the glass half-full, O'Brien concluded that this relative isolation eventually benefited Bicolanos, who through time de-



MOUNTAIN
trekkers brave a
wild river on their
way to the
rainforests of Mt.
Isarog.

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veloped into a patient, resilient and God-fearing people that they are today.

Another Jesuit scholar, Fr. Vitaliano Gorospe, wrote that many Bicolanos were like the mountains that have survived disastrous monsoons and pyroclastic eruptions. They "[regarded] these mountains in contradictory

lights as refuge and place of freedom and in the same breath, as the habitation of the uncivilized," feeling they were not welcome in the concrete jungles of the lowland.

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Garbage dump dries up irrigation system in Batangas towns

By Mei Magsino
Bauan, Batangas

UNLIKE many upland towns that spend a fortune to look for water to irrigate their farms, Bauan town in Batangas allows its garbage dump to dry up its water source.

The dump, located on the mountain of Barangay Sinala, has been expanded to fill up the Sinala River, one of the major tributaries of the Tabok River. The Tabok is the irrigation source of the village's farms and the downhill towns of San Roque, Bolo, San Miguel, Sta. Maria and San Pedro.

At the mouth of the Tabok is the Batangas Bay, where polluted water from the dump spills over.

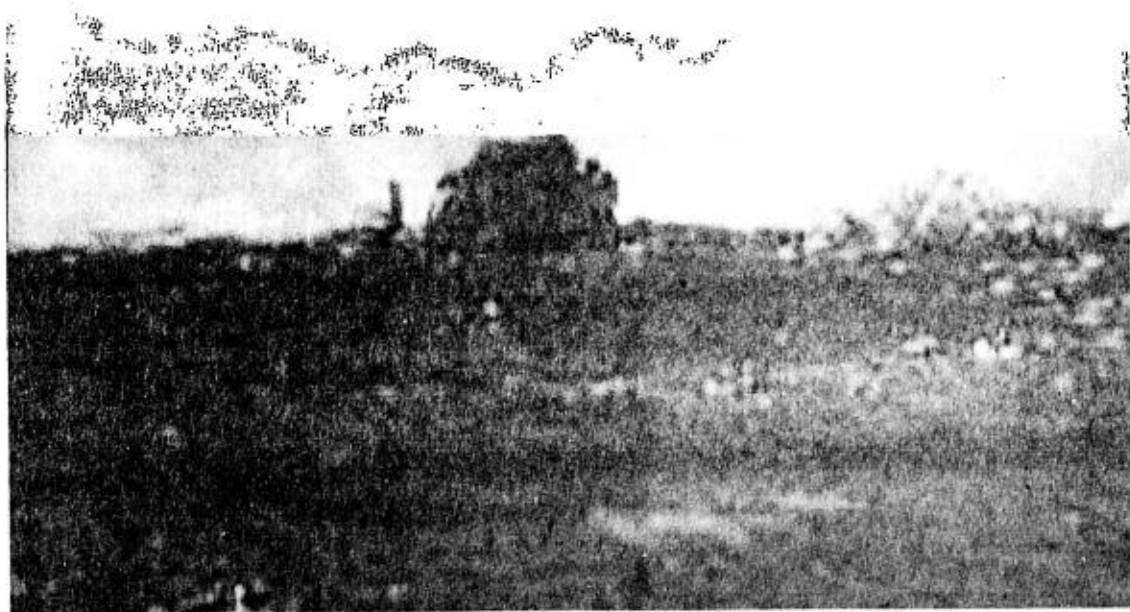
About a kilometer from the nearest house, scavengers rummage through the debris everyday, while the dump operator burns the garbage daily.

Smoke from the burned garbage, which comes not only from Bauan but also from the nearby towns of Mabini and San Pascual, has been blamed for the rising number of cases of respiratory ailments among the villagers. A farmer, who requested anonymity, said four of five children in the village suffer from asthma attacks daily.

But the town's health officer said his office had not received any complaints from the residents.

Ignored complaints

The residents have been complaining of the dump's health hazards for years, but apparently, they have been ignored by the



EVERYDAY, tons of garbage from different towns in Batangas and the nearby Batangas City are dumped in Barangay Sinala.

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municipal government.

On Feb. 4, the Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Office (PGENRO) inspected the dump.

"We acted on the complaints signed by 271 residents of Sinala against the dump that has been causing the respiratory disease of

the residents," said Luis Awitan, PGENRO assistant department head.

The complainants—Cresenciano Manalo, Marciano Dalangin, Maria Gelera and Honorata Manalo—were supported by the 271 residents of Sinala.

They complain that their farms

have been affected by the pollution. Even their farm workers have refused to work because of the foul odor and smoke coming from the dump, they said.

Awitan said the PGENRO had already advised the town officials to solve the garbage problem, which has persisted for over two

years. Instead, the dump has even moved to a critical area like the Sinala River.

"Our order for the town government was issued last February. But until now, they haven't done a single action to solve their garbage problem," he said.

During the PGENRO inspection, Awitan and Lorena Candava, an environment management specialist, found that the 10-year-old dump had completely devastated the river.

Nonstop burning

"The nonstop open burning at the dump has also been causing the foul odor and smoke that is very dangerous to the health of the residents, and the nearby farms have been rendered useless by the pollution," he stressed.

Awitan's group also found an illegal private dumping area, about 800 meters from the town's dump and only about 700 meters from the nearest residential area.

According to dump owner Isidro Cabral, the wastes from Makro Mall, Lyceum of Batangas and Cocolife Corp., all based in Batangas City, and domestic waste from Union Carbide Philippines in nearby Mabini town and First Gas Power Corp., also in Batangas City, were dumped there and sorted. The dump had a permit to operate as a junkyard.

"If there is really [a] sorting process in that private dump, then why are they burning the mountains of garbage? You don't burn the garbage if you really segregate it."

Also dug in the ground of the private dump is a 6-square-meter hole that is being used to hold biodegradable wastes. The hole is 3 meters deep with no flooring, preventing seepage of chemicals into the water table.

Open burning

Richard Cabral, the town's planning and development officer, said his office had been abiding by sanitary standards at the dump.

"We even segregate the garbage, and there [are] pay loaders in the area that push the mountains of garbage," Cabral said.

The payloader pushes the garbage into the nearby river that is now ecologically dead.

The garbage truck from the town, its neighbor and even Batangas City, comes to unload wastes day and night.

Garbage-burning is also conducted every hour, every day and night.

"If they really segregate the waste [dumped] there everyday then why do they need to burn that mountain of garbage?" Awitan said.

The PGENRO also found that over 3,900 cubic meters of garbage from commercial, industrial and institutional establishments from different towns and cities, are dumped in the Sinala everyday.

After the inspection, the agency ordered the municipal government to follow standard waste management procedures and to transfer the dump to a place that will not endanger the environment and the health of residents.

It also directed the municipality to put the Municipal Solid Waste Management Board into action and segregate its garbage.

The PGENRO also banned open burning at the dump, as well as open dumping. It recommended the establishment of a Material Recovery Facility.

Three months after the order has been issued, open dumping and burning—and the killing of the Sinala River—continue.

GMA takes charge of anti-drug drive

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in government," Corpus said.

"With drug money they (drug lords) can even buy their own radio stations. They can buy newspapers. They can buy columnists. They can buy reporters, even government officials," he added.

He cited the case of Ronnie Mitra, mayor of Panukulan Island in Quezon, who was arrested with 500 kilos of shabu on Oct. 13, 2001.

Noting that "the future of our nation is at stake in this campaign," she asked "for the full cooperation of the public and media." The President also asked that more special courts be set up to prosecute drug cases.

To get the campaign going, Ms Macapagal approved the disbursement of P1 billion from lotto earnings of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

She said the amount was much bigger than what Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra had allocated for his campaign against drug syndicates in Thailand.

After a three-month anti-drug campaign that ended on April 30, Thaksin declared victory. The campaign, which critics said resulted in human rights violations, left more than 2,000 people dead. About 5 percent of Thailand's 63 million people are considered drug users. (See story on this page.)

Like Thaksin, Ms Macapagal gave the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency three months to crack down on local and transnational drug syndicates.

The day before, Interior Secretary Jose Lina Jr. and PDEA chief Anselmo Avenido Jr. set the same deadline for neutralizing 62 drug syndicates and for dismantling 50 marijuana plantations.

"After three months, the President wants to see convincing results and

Is GMA doing a Thaksin? 2,274 dead in Thai campaign

MORE than 2,274 dead in three months.

This is not the slogan of an insecticide brand or rat killer but the result of an anti-drug campaign that Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra conducted in Thailand from Feb. 1 to April 30.

Thaksin declared the three-month campaign a roaring success.

But the government's campaign against drug trafficking amounted to a de facto "shoot-to-kill" policy on anyone believed to be involved in the drug trades, according to Amnesty International.

"Encouragement for extra judicial killings has been given at the highest level with law enforcement personnel under heavy pressure to 'produce results' or lose their jobs," AI said.

Thailand is the world's largest user of methamphetamines, according to data from the United Nations. The Philippines has the second biggest number of users in Southeast Asia. One out of 17 Thais, 15 years old and older, are believed to be hooked on drugs. Local newspapers said more than 600,000 students are drug addicts.

Thaksin's campaign exceeded its target of curbing 75 percent of drug trade in all of Thailand's 75 provinces. About 10 provinces reported a 100-percent success rate while most other provinces scored 80 to 90.

By the project's end, more than 42,000 suspects were arrested, 12.4 million methamphetamine tablets confiscated and \$12 million in assets of drug traders seized, according to BBC News.

A total of 1,765 major dealers and 15,244 minor dealers were arrested. More than 280,000 addicts and pushers surrendered to authorities and were sent for rehabilitation.

During the war on drugs, 2,274 people, suspected to be drug pushers and dealers, were reportedly killed across the country, but the government insisted there were only 42 deaths.

The Thai government said that there was minimal use of force and that some of the reported killings were caused by the dealers themselves to avoid being arrested. Human rights activists claimed that police killed even those who were only suspected of carrying drugs. **Armin Adina, PDI Research Department**

cedure. Under the rules of court and Republic Act No. 9165, public officers, especially elective ones will be removed from office and perpetually disqualified from running for public office if they are found guilty of receiving financial contributions from drug lords," Lina said.

He said authorities were still "validating" reports about certain politicians being monitored for their links with drug syndicates.

PNP chief Hermogenes Ebdane said the PNP would go after any government official "for as long as there is evidence against them."

"We are still building up evidence and we will only strike when we believe that we can (pin them down)," he said when asked if he had any official in mind.

The President met with Corpus, Lina, Avenido, Police Deputy Director General Edgardo Aglipay of the anti-narcotics task force, and National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco.

Trade Secretary Mar Roxas III, Tiglao, Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, Press Secretary Milton Alingod and Presidential Management Staff chief Silvestre Añable were also present.

In the Senate, Robert Barbers said he would resign as senator should the President ask him to head a super body that will go after drug lords.

"I disliked sitting in my office, signing papers, (doing) policy-making (functions of a senator). I want to be in the operations, in the field," Barbers said.

He dared Avenido to issue a shoot-to-kill order against drug traffickers if policemen were being shot at by the latter during raids. **With a report from Michael Lim Ubac**

therefore the ball is in the court of law enforcement agencies, particularly the lead agency, the PDEA," Lina said.

The PDEA was created on July 30 last year after Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, was passed into law.

Political will

Lina said "the President's decision to take a personal hand in the campaign and earmark P1 billion for the project shows that this government has the political will to succeed in this campaign." He described the P1-billion anti-drug kitty as "the biggest ever government allocation for the anti-drug campaign."

Lina said the President had "taken a direct hand" in the anti-illegal drugs campaign by issuing Executive Order No. 206.

The EO was signed on May 15 but was not immediately implemented because authorities took time in issuing its implementing rules and regulations (IRR), ac-

cording to Presidential Chief of staff Rigoberto Tiglao.

"The President has been impatient and she wants this EO implemented as soon as possible even without the IRR," Tiglao said.

In the EO, the President said "there is an urgent need to pursue a forceful, intensive and unrelenting campaign against drug trafficking and the use of illegal drugs whether syndicated or street-level."

Through the EO, the President ordered the creation of anti-drug task forces in the Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Bureau of Customs and other agencies with law enforcement functions.

These task forces will support the PDEA because, according to the President, the agency "still has to develop its institutional capabilities." The PDEA has been in operation for only 10 months.

Ms Macapagal said personnel of the abolished drug enforcement units of the PNP, NBI and BOC "shall

continue to perform their task as detail service with the PDEA until such time that PDEA is fully operational and is able to recruit a sufficient number of new personnel to do that task themselves."

Under the EO, the PDEA will have operational supervision over the main task forces of the PNP. The President will still determine whether the PDEA or the Dangerous Drugs Board shall supervise the other task forces of the PNP, the NBI and BOC.

Tiglao said that during the meeting with the President yesterday, police authorities divided among the various task forces the list of drug syndicates that they would pursue.

"In fact they promised to get (a certain number of) syndicates within three months time. Not exactly 10 but depending on the level of evidence buildup and intelligence work on each of this drug syndicates. But these have been identified and in fact the PNP, Isafp and PDEA have been monitoring these syndi-

cates for four months now," Tiglao said.

Avenido said the PDEA identified last year 215 local drug syndicates. It is now targeting 175.

"And for the three-month period, our target is at least one-third of this 175. That's why the number in some newspapers is around 60 plus (syndicates)," Avenido said.

He said the PDEA was also targeting 13 transnational drugs syndicates. "We have already neutralized one. We just go by the code, Tangent 100."

Case buildup

Lina gave the assurance that the President's order against drug pushers "patrons in government" would not be used for political purposes.

"Only those who have sufficient case buildup will be charged and arrested if they are caught red-handed. So we will go by the due process pro-

Why Dr. Jose Rizal ...

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as a nationalist campaign but as a jihad against infidels.

At a later time, when the winds of European Enlightenment, created the *ilustrado*, the educated class, no one yet called himself Filipino, in the sense that we regard the word today.

While the Tagalogs, Visayans, Pampangos and Bicolanos were beginning to call the archipelago "Philippines" and its inhabitants "Filipinos," both terms were associated merely with geography, never with natural affection for the land or its people.

Indios

The Spaniards born in the Philippines, who were snubbed by Spaniards from Spain, called themselves "Filipinos," but only to assert an equal superiority. To the very end, all the Spaniards, regardless of origin, called the natives by the derogatory name they had always used—*indios*.

Rizal's contemporaries were no better. Their hearts might have been in the right place, but their vision hardly transcended the colonial horizon.

Marcelo H. del Pilar called his newspaper "Diariang Tagalog" and concluded his satiric tirades against the friars with "Long Live Spain!" Pedro Paterno, another reformer, sought to be named duke or grandee of Spain.

Rizal thought otherwise. He showed his countrymen they could be something else than merely being brown Spaniards. They could be Filipinos, a people sharing common roots in a common land.

Culture before Spaniards

To help his countrymen rediscover the richness of their brown race, Rizal published his annotations on Morga's early 17th century work "Sucesos de las Islas Filipinas." His notes emphasized that the people of the archipelago had a lively culture of their own before the advent of the Spaniards.

And to show the contrast between the past and the present, his two novels, *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*, demonstrated how

the indios were decimated by Spanish colonization and that the country's present state was not necessarily superior to the past.

Through Noli and Fili, Rizal forced his countrymen to confront their tragic lot and then taught them what they could do and be if they love "what is just to the point of dying for it."

Nation-building

La Liga Filipina was Rizal's most significant and far-reaching attempt at nation-building. It expanded his thesis: the indios could be not only Filipinos but citizens of a Filipino nation. La Liga Filipina was the first organization in Philippine history to "unite the whole archipelago" and create a "compact and homogenous" society of the old tribal communities from Batanes to Sulu, based on common interests and "mutual protection."

Burgos, Gomez, Zamora

Many historians peg the birth of Filipino nationalism to the secular priests Burgos, Gomez and Zamora, who demanded that friar-controlled parishes be placed in the hands of native priests.

But, as writer Leon Ma. Guerrero points out, the plight of the three martyrs was mainly religious and, therefore, had to do with the "wider universal Catholic Church," not the "narrower more exclusive Filipino nation."

Sense of nation

The intellectuals of that generation, who shared the fate of the priests, were equally oblivious of the concept of a Filipino nation. They worked for the rights guaranteed by the Spanish Constitution to all subjects of the Spanish Crown.

Rizal's concept of nationalism and nation was based on loyalty to archipelago, not to Spain. And its demands were rigid. Or, as he had asked, "What is the use of independence if the slaves of today will be the tyrants of tomorrow?"

Rizal's life, work and execution fulfilled the moral and political aspirations of his people. By dying, he created the Philippines and the Filipinos and, in doing so, became the First Filipino.

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"This is one shining example of the Filipino 'Bayanihan' spirit," De Venecia said. "We just hope government agencies and private entities would follow the SET lead."

De Venecia said that the Department of Education was also calling on other agencies to "ease the classroom problem by sharing idle and covered spaces with our youth."

In the same statement, Reyes said the situation of the Batasan Hills high school was not an isolated case.

"There is an acute shortage of classrooms," Reyes said. "This is an increasingly common national scenario."

Belosillo made the decision after consultation with SET members Senators Juan Flavier and Aquilino Pimentel and Justices Jose Vitug and Artemio Panganiban.

Photographer recorded Rizal martyrdom

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original albumin print of the execution shot taken by Manuel Arias Rodriguez, a photographer who had a bookstore at Carriero called Agencia Editorial.

Rodriguez took pictures of various places and events in the country from 1895 to 1902.

Authenticated

Kept in the museum's photo library in a temperature-controlled room to protect it from excessive humidity, the photograph was authenticated by the foundation based on a copy of Murat Halstead's book "The Story of the Philippines," published in the United States in 1898, which contained the same photo.

Arias's surviving granddaughter Luisa Vargas Arias, also personally verified and confirmed the authenticity of the photograph in the GBR Museum.

"Many Filipinos who viewed at length the enlarged photograph left the museum with profound respect for the ultimate sacrifice Dr. Jose Rizal rendered, for his love of our country," GBR Foundation president Jaime Hidalgo said.

Rare images

Though the most moving and historic, the Rizal picture is only one of thousands providing glimpses into the country's past.

A photographer of the American news photo agency Underwood & Underwood captured a vivid and touching scene of a young man saying goodbye to his family before he marched off to the war front with Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo.

Other rare images come from various private photographers and collectors, as well as institutions such as the Museo del Ejercito and the Biblioteca Nacional in Spain, and the Royal Photographic Society of England.

The bulk of the GBR exhibit is the antiquarian late 19th and early 20th century original photographs of old Manila and its environs, as well as scenes and participants—from political figures to foot soldiers—of the Philippine Revolution (1896) and the Philippine-American War (1899-1901).

The pictures depict our forefathers' way of life, their struggle for freedom, heroism, triumphs and defeats and the birthing pains of a nation.

Embedded photographer

Rodriguez "embedded" himself among the Spanish forces and to cover events from the Spanish offensive against Cavite, stronghold of the Revolution, in 1896 to the retreat of the Spanish forces to Mindanao in 1898.



SEEMS like only yesterday that Binondo was buzzing with commerce as it does even to this day. Photo taken by a visiting British insurance agent in 1860.

In one photo taken in November 1896, Manila residents gawk at the first batch of the 30,000 Spanish marines parading in the city's streets. The reinforcements were sent by the home government in Madrid to help colonial authorities quell the revolution.

The Spanish marines and the Filipino troops serving in the colonial army are later depicted in an evocative photo taken by Rodriguez in Dalahican (the Cavite peninsula) near Noveleta.

The soldiers, personally led by Governor General Camilo Polavieja, are shown kneeling and bowing their heads during an open air Mass before attacking and recapturing towns held by the Filipino "insurrectos."

Rodriguez also took photos of the other troops landing in Maragondon, Cavite, of ships shelling Filipino positions in the province's coast, Spanish artillery positions in Noveleta, Kawit and Bacoor as well as the damaged Zapote Bridge, scene of a hotly contested battle that resulted in the Filipinos' defeat.

Rodriguez avoided photographing blood and gore but shot around the conflict areas enough to suggest the gravity and ferocity of the revolution.

This is best shown in his picture of a black-painted Spanish military ambulance, its doors wide open, revealing an empty triple-decked bed waiting for wounded soldiers.

Rodriguez had a souvenir shot of himself with Polavieja and his family on board the "Uranus," the steamer that brought Aguinaldo and other leaders of the revolution to their exile in Hong Kong,

after the Pact of Biak-na-Bato.

The governor general was to gain infamy for approving Rizal's execution.

Using his influence and connections, Rodriguez found himself covering in late 1897 the negotiations for a truce between the Spanish colonial government and the revolutionary leadership in Biak-na-Bato, San Miguel de Mayumo, Bulacan.

While with the insurgents, he took a rare picture of Aguinaldo, then only 27 years old, who posed in full military regalia in his Biak-na-Bato headquarters.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, Rodriguez journeyed to provinces such as Iloilo, Cebu, Samar and Zamboanga, where he documented the resumption and spread of the revolution, and the steady defeat and retreat of the Spanish forces.

Ominous sign

There are no known pictures taken of Aguinaldo's proclamation of Philippine Independence in Kawit, Cavite, on June 12, 1898.

But the unidentified Underwood photographer, who apparently remained in Manila, documented an ominous sign that would determine the destiny of the First Philippine Republic.

A photo dated Aug. 12, 1898, shows the American flag flying above Fort San Antonio Abad (now the site of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas main office in Malate, Manila). The Americans took over the fort from the Spaniards during the final assault on Manila.

More than a hundred years later, students, history enthusiasts and

tourists can view in three large pavilions at the GBR Museum the people and events that make this nation proud and free. Opened in 1995, the museum receives about 5,000 visitors a year.

GBR Museum staff Ramon Caparas and Jesus Masdal said the museum is probably the only one located in a commercial-industrial complex. It lies on the grounds of the sprawling Gateway Business Park, owned by Berenguer de los Reyes Jr., in Barangay Jalavera, General Trias.

General Trias, formerly San Francisco de Malabon, is itself a historic town. The town's band was the first to play the National Anthem during the proclamation of independence in Kawit 105 years ago.

The town was renamed after its most famous resident Mariano Trias, vice president of the revolutionary governments formed under the Tejeros Convention and at Biak-na-Bato, finance secretary under the First Republic and Cavite governor under the American regime.

Man behind museum

De los Reyes, the man behind the museum and the foundation, is a great grandson of Crisanto de los Reyes, who was implicated in the foiled 1872 mutiny of Filipino soldiers serving at Fort San Felipe Neri in Cavite.

For supporting the mutineers, Crisanto and four other colleagues were exiled to Cartagena in southern Spain, where they served 10-year prison terms.

Three priests involved in the mutiny suffered a worse fate: Fathers Mariano Gomez, Jose Burgos and Jacinto Zamora were garroted.

2 nabbed for blackmailing Revilla aide

Transport groups threaten strike over mayors' traffic plan

Luige del Puerto

A FORMER member of Sen. Ramon Revilla's staff and another suspect have been accused of blackmailing the senator's information officer.

Acting on a complaint from the senator's office, National Bureau of Investigation agents on Tuesday laid a trap for Jacqueline Gaspay-Dominguez, who used to work for Senator Revilla, and Michael Milla, both residents of Malibay, when the two allegedly tried to collect the money they extorted from Jerry Pano, Revilla's information officer.

The suspects allegedly demanded P700,000 from Pano, claiming that they possessed incriminating information on the senator's daughter, the NBI said.

Revilla's daughter, Rowena, is the senator's chief of staff.

According to the NBI, Dominguez, who worked for the senator from 1996 to 1998, sent a text message to Pano, threatening that unless she received P2 million, she would implicate Rowena in a scandal.

Pano and Dominguez then agreed to meet in a Manila restaurant for the payoff.

At around 4 p.m. Tuesday, Milla and Dominguez were arrested shortly after they collected the money from Pano.

Charges of robbery and extortion had been filed against the two, the NBI said.



JACQUELINE Gaspay-Dominguez and Michael Milla have been charged with extortion and robbery after demanding P2 million from Senator Revilla's information officer. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

By Amy Remo

TRANSPORT groups are threatening to go on strike if Metro Manila mayors would impose their own traffic rules and regulations in their areas.

Officials of the Federation of Rizal, Cubao Operators-Drivers Alliance (Fercoda) and of the Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines (Fejodap) also urged the national government to clarify which rules should prevail.

"If the government would not heed our call, we might hold a 'tigil-pasada' (transport strike)," Fercoda president Boy Vargas said in San Juan yesterday.

Citing the Local Government Code, Metro Manila mayors are pushing for the creation of local traffic codes and the issuance of their own traffic violation receipts or TVRs.

According to Vargas, Pasig City, Mandaluyong City and Malabon have started implementing their own systems that have resulted in great confusion among public utility drivers.

Worse, he added, the traffic ticket of one city is not recognized in another city or by the Metro Manila Development Authority.

Vargas said when the license of a

driver is confiscated in Pasig and is issued a ticket, the MMDA would not consider the ticket as valid. The driver could end up getting a ticket from the MMDA for driving without a license.

Vargas also noted the huge difference in the fines collected by the different traffic units. Redemption of a license from Pasig would cost P500 whereas it would only cost P150 with the MMDA.

"This new ticketing system is another burden we drivers and operators have to bear," Vargas said. "It adds to our financial worries."

The transport leader also urged the formulation of a single traffic code and ticketing system for Metro Manila.

Members of the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Tsuser at Operator Nationwide Inc. (Piston) also held a rally in front of the MMDA office in Makati at noon and expressed support for a single ticketing system.

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando earlier expressed his opposition to the mayors' traffic plan.

Manila Mayor Joselito Atienza Jr. said the MMDA should stop acting like a "superbody" because it was originally mandated to be a coordinating and planning body. Margaux Ortiz, Leila Salaverria and Edson Tandoc Jr.

Neutralizing drug syndicates impossible

THE PHILIPPINE Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) promises to neutralize 62 drug syndicates and dismantle at least 50 marijuana plantations nationwide in just three months.

The promise was made by Interior Secretary Joey Lina.

"I'll make a bet with Lina: He won't be able to keep his promise. Anti-narcotics cops are much too corrupt to be able to destroy the drug syndicates and 50 marijuana plantations."

Most members of the PDEA are former members of the defunct Narcotics Group, formerly Narcom.

The Narcom was one of the most corrupt units of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

In fact, many of its members are drug addicts. If Lina doesn't believe this, he should conduct a random drug test on PDEA members.

Former Narcom members who have been absorbed by the newly formed PDEA know all the drug traffickers and pushers. And yet, they cannot go after them because they're on the take from most of these lowlife characters.

Narcotics cops are selective in arresting drug pushers. They only go after drug dealers and pushers who don't give them regular protection money.

If there were drug busts in the past in which law enforcement agents made a big haul, more than one half of the confiscated drugs found its way into the market. And who sold it? Of course, the agents who took part in the drug busts!

Lina's promise to neutralize the drug syndicates will go the way of his vow to get rid of jueteng, an illegal lottery prevalent in Luzon.

If he couldn't lick jueteng, where the financiers and collectors operate in the open, how can he defeat drug syndicates that operate secretly?

Top officials should not make big promises they can't fulfill. Unfulfilled promises make the government look stupid.

The government agency that can greatly help in fighting the drug menace is the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

But it's not doing its job. Every driver who renews his license at the LTO is made to undergo a drug test.

But drivers who are drug users or drug dependents don't go through the rigmarole of being tested for drugs. All they do is bribe corrupt LTO officials who administer the test.

Just because some prominent members of the Catholic Church have been exposed by media for sexual harassment and other sexual offenses, church leaders now consider the media "biased" against the Church.

How can the media be accused

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



of bias when they are just reporting scandals within the church?

Perhaps what the Church should ask itself is why there are priests and bishops who go astray.

Catholic Church leaders should be reminded that the days of the friars are gone.

It's no longer a mortal sin to point out mistakes committed by church leaders. What was true during the Spanish regime is no longer true today.

Friars got away with impregnating ignorant and innocent women because the faithful were afraid they would be excommunicated or jailed if they became critical of the abusive priests.

The parish priest of Boracay Island is railing against the opening of the casino in the tourists' island paradise because allegedly local residents are against it.

"Why always think of money and so-called development projects first and not the welfare of the people?" asks Fr. Isidro David, the island's lone parish priest.

Perhaps the priest has not been informed that the casino, to be operated by the government-owned Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., will be exclusively for tourists and not for poor residents.

How can the local residents be affected by the supposed "evil" of the casino when it's not being set up for them but for the foreign tourists?

I'm sure the supposed protest by local residents over the plan to set up the casino is just a figment of the priest's imagination.

The local folks are too engrossed making money on tourism to mind about the setting up of the casino.

Retired Senior Supt. Pedrito Reyes, formerly police chief of Zamboanga del Sur, is facing a criminal case for being too lax in the handling of a detainee suspected of killing journalist Edgar Damalerio last year.

Suspect PO1 Guillermo Wapile was able to escape and is now in hiding.

Let's not just blame Reyes for the escape because he was probably currying favor with a high official in the province.

The high official most probably ordered Wapile's escape.

The high provincial official was the object of Damalerio's acid pen and commentaries when he was still alive.

Why don't we ask this official and his spouse where Wapile is hiding?

Frat violence flares up in Valenzuela

By Tina Santos

A SCHOOL official in Marulas, Valenzuela could have been describing a war movie when she talked about the violence right on her campus.

"We worry about the pillboxes the warring groups hurl at each other," said the school official who refused to be named. She admitted that fraternity violence is one of the school's biggest problems.

She said that there are sever-

al fraternities that often engage in brawls on campus, causing injury and sometimes death.

Pillboxes have exploded inside the school building, causing extensive damage to it, the 42-year-old school official claimed.

She also said that innocent people are getting hurt.

She added that the violence in the Marulas public high school has also spilled over the surrounding neighborhood.

Supt. Jose Marcelo, Valenzuela police chief, said that

he has not received a report of violence at the high school in Marulas. He said that, on record, there was only one reported fatality in gang-style clashes in the city last year.

Still, Marcelo has ordered his men to check on the campus and beef up security.

As for the school official, she said that she would not let her two sons go to that school, even if the tuition were free.

She said that she has seen the violence and fears for her children.

METROBRIEFS

NBI to set up own drug unit

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation is in the process of forming its own anti-illegal drugs task force, after President Macapagal-Arroyo gave the bureau a "bigger role" in the anti-narcotics campaign, said NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco. The NBI chief said that they had just finished the draft organizing the task force last Monday. Wycoco said they are reviewing a list of "personalities" they plan to conduct background checks on. Lawyer Roel Lasala of the NBI's dangerous drugs division will head the task force, Wycoco said.

Luige del Puerto

8 fall in QC narcotics drive

EIGHT suspected drug users and pushers were arrested in separate buy-busts in Quezon City, Tuesday night. Robin Sarsuela, 42, Raymond Damot, 27, and Rogerick Magno, 25, were caught in the act of taking a substance believed to be shabu in Barangay Socorro, Murphy. In Novaliches, Fatima Abdul, 22, Beboy Mamalangkay, 26, and Jun Agan, 34, were arrested for drug possession and hauled off to Central Police District Station 5. In Baesa, Randy Muñoz, 38, was arrested for drug possession. He is now detained in CPD Station 3. In Barangay San Jose, Carlos Zamora, 30, is now in the custody of CPD Station 1 for drug possession.

Amy Remo

PCU-UHSM alumni meet

IN preparation for the Silver Anniversary reunion of the Philippine Christian University-Union High School of Manila Batch '79 in July 2004, batch members are invited to get in touch with their fellow alumni ASAP. Please contact: Debbie Vizcarra-Simsuango, (0917)815-3795 or 541-0203; Tom Cloma, (0917)532-8025; Nerissa Loria, (0917)624-1121 or 632-6991; and Gerry Suello, (0917)835-5997. E-mail address: uhsn79@yahoo.com.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT MONTH

PDI President Sandy Prieto-Romualdez and Metro Manila Federation of Environment (MMFE) Chair Mayor Jose Teves Jr. shake hands after formally launching a newspaper drive to commemorate World Environment Month. Also present are Celine Madamba, PDI corporate relations manager, and Narda Camacho, executive vice president of Linis-Ganda Inc.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

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1st Reading:

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples, "When you pray, do not use a lot of words, as the pagans do, for they hold that the more they say, the more chance they have of being heard. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need, even before you ask him."

This, then, is how you should pray:

Our Father in heaven,
holy be your name,
your kingdom come
and your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today the kind of bread we need.
Forgive us our debts
just as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us.
Do not bring us to the test
but deliver us from the evil one.

If you forgive others their wrongs, your Father in heaven will also forgive yours. If you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive you either."

Commentary

God knows what I need even before I ask him? So why pray at all? Jesus takes us beyond prayers to prayer as an attitude of openness. In prayer, we do not wish to open heaven so that graces may fall upon us. Rather, we open ourselves, create space in our hearts. We ask God to come and fill that space, so that there, God can be God. We acknowledge our insufficiency and weakness. None of our projects and accomplishments will fully satisfy our yearnings. We beg God that his plan become clear to us, convinced that it is greater and more beautiful than any of our own. We ask for the grace to cooperate with that plan, to do what is right, so that his Kingdom may come.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

POLITICAL LAW (CONSTITUTIONAL LAW)/REMEDIAL LAW

(CRIMINAL PROCEDURE)—Particularity of description of things to be seized—Appellant avers that the phrase "an undetermined amount of marijuana" as used in the search warrant fails to satisfy the requirement of Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution that the things to be seized must be particularly described. Appellant's contention, in our view, has no leg to stand on. The constitutional requirement of reasonable particularity of description of the things to be seized is primarily meant to enable the law enforcers serving the warrant to: (1) readily identify the properties to be seized and thus prevent them from seizing the wrong items; and (2) leave said peace officers with no discretion regarding the articles to be seized and thus prevent unreasonable searches and seizures. What the Constitution seeks to avoid are search warrants of broad or general characterization or sweeping descriptions, which will authorize police officers to undertake a fishing expedition to seize and confiscate any and all kinds of evidence or articles relating to an offense. However, it is not required that technical precision of description be required, particularly, where by the nature of the goods to be seized, their description must be rather general, since the requirement of a technical description would mean that no warrant could issue. The search warrant in the present case, given its nearly similar wording, "undetermined amount of marijuana or Indian hemp," in our view, has satisfied the Constitution's requirements on particularity of description. The description therein is: (1) as specific as the circumstances will ordinarily allow; (2) expresses a conclusion of fact—not of law—by which the peace officers may be guided in making the search and seizure; and (3) limits the things to be seized to those which bear direct relation to the offense for which the warrant is being issued. Said warrant imposes a meaningful restriction upon the objects to be seized by the officers serving the warrant. Thus, it prevents exploratory searches, which might be violative of the Bill of Rights. The search warrant in the present case, given its nearly similar wording, "undetermined amount of marijuana or Indian hemp," in our view, has satisfied the Constitution's requirements on particularity of description. The description therein is: (1) as specific as the circumstances will ordinarily allow; (2) expresses a conclusion of fact—not of law—by which the peace officers may be guided in making the search and seizure; and (3) limits the things to be seized to those which bear direct relation to the offense for which the warrant is being issued. Said warrant imposes a meaningful restriction upon the objects to be seized by the officers serving the warrant. Thus, it prevents exploratory searches, which might be violative of the Bill of Rights. [Citations omitted.] [En Banc, Justice Quisumbing, People v. Tee, G.R. Nos. 140546-47, Jan. 20]

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AIRPORT
ON EDSA?

This is what this photo suggests except that the Air Philippines plane making a landing is actually a big billboard installed on Edsa and Quezon Avenue in Quezon City. No wonder the people walking past through it don't seem to mind.

JOAN BONDOC



Drivers, operators warned on students' fare discounts

By Abigail L. Ho

STIFF penalties and fines will be slapped on drivers and operators of public utility vehicles who will refuse to give students the 20-percent fare discount that they are entitled to.

Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza said in a statement yesterday that the fare discount of students and senior citizens was mandated by law.

With the 20-percent discount, students should pay only P3.20

for standard jeepney rides and P7.20 for a short ride on an air-conditioned bus.

He warned jeepney and taxi drivers, bus conductors, railway ticket tellers, ship ticket sellers and airline ticket agents that failure to comply with this mandate would result in stiff penalties and appropriate fines.

To ensure that both students and senior citizens are given the fare discounts, Mendoza directed the Land Transportation Office, the Maritime Industry Authority

and the Civil Aeronautics Board to oversee its implementation.

He also urged students and senior citizens who have complaints to call 7890, the Department of Transportation and Communications hotline.

Meanwhile, Mendoza ordered tighter security in public transport terminals, buses, ships and planes to ensure the safety of traveling students.

Additional safety measures for inter-island vessels had already been put in place, Mendoza said.

3 'Sex Bomb' dancers shaken in car accident

THREE members of the Sex Bomb dance group were a bit shaken but unhurt when their car was hit by another car in Quezon City early yesterday.

Police said the dancers, identified as Rochelle Pangilinan, Ana Bermudez, and Mia Pangyarihan, were on their way home from a show at Klownz comedy bar on Quezon Avenue when the white Ford Lynx (XAE 441) driven by Pangilinan was hit by a Lancer car driven by Michael Ngo along Dona Hemady Street around 1 a.m.

The right side of Pangilinan's car was damaged. The dancers, all members of the Sex Bomb group which is regularly featured in the noontime show Eat Bulaga of GMA-7, sustained minor bruises and scratches.

Pangilinan told police that they were about to cross 12th Street when Ngo's car suddenly appeared and hit her car.

She said she would have hit an electric post had she swerved to avoid being hit.

Ngo just kept silent. Despite the damage to her car and the slight bruises they sustained, the dancers did not file charges against Ngo. *Amy Remo*

SEIZED EXPLOSIVES

'Enough to destroy a building'

By Christian V. Esguerra, Christine O. Avendano and Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

STRONG enough to totally damage a one-story building.

This was how Director Eduardo Matillano, chief of the Philippine National Police-Criminal Investigation Group, yesterday described the explosives found during a raid of the Golden Armour Security and Allied Services Inc. in Parañaque City.

The security agency is supposedly owned by Sen. Ping Lacson's brother Romulo.

The explosives, contained in a shoebox and a Johnnie Walker box, were found by members of the Parañaque City Police Special Weapons and Tactics group found

Sen. Lacson's spokesperson lawyer Rufus Rodriguez, in a statement, claimed that the boxes supposedly containing the explosives were brought by the CIDG agents themselves when they raided the building.

"There were 12 trainees in the room at the time of the raid and they were the ones who saw CIDG agents carrying two boxes while entering the training center," Rodriguez said.

The building housing two security agencies also had a training center where the trainees were training.

This was the building raided by CIDG in Parañaque last Tuesday.

Matillano said in a press conference that they have received information that some groups were plotting to destabilize the government.

He said investigators were trying to determine if Lacson's brother Romulo and other officials of the security agencies were

involved in the alleged destabilization plan.

But Rodriguez said that the search warrant issued by Parañaque RTC Judge Fortunato L. Madrona last June 17 identified the Golden Beret Security and Allied Services and Golden Armour Security and Allied Services were the target of the raids. But the CIDG agents also raided the Golden Teaching Training Center, which was in the same building, but was not included in the search warrant.

Rodriguez said the raid on the training center was "pure political harassment" because the CIDG men who went there were closely identified with Lacson's "nemesis," Matillano.

He said Lacson's brother Romulo would file a case today against Matillano and other members of the PNP-CIDG for the alleged illegal search on the training center.

Rodriguez said he would also take Matillano and the CIDG men to court for allegedly planting the explosives.

"All these show that the dirty tricks department against Sen. Lacson has re-emerged," Rodriguez said in a phone interview.

The city's SWAT team was called after members of the PNP-CIDG supposedly found the explosives, SWAT Team Leader SPO2 Benedicto Balagtas told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Inside the brown shoebox were an alarm clock, two electric blasting caps, a 9-volt Eveready battery, an MK II hand grenade, suspected TNT powder, a meter of pink detonating cord, leg wire, and about half kilo of ammonium nitrate, Balagtas said.

Good Samaritan shot by robbers

By Leila B. Salaverria

EDGARDO Bartolome was walking home around 12:30 a.m. yesterday when he noticed a commotion on Kalayaan Avenue and South Avenue in Makati City.

When Bartolome checked it, he saw a woman being held up by two men.

He then picked up a wooden stick and ran toward the suspects in a bid to help the woman.

Another man, who police identified as Armando Vergara, followed Bartolome.

But when the suspects saw the rescuers approaching, one of them pulled out a gun and shot Bartolome. Police said Bartolome was hit but their report did not say where he was hit.

The report added that Bartolome continued to chase the suspects despite being shot.

One of the holdup suspects, identified as Rodel Abbas of Filinvest, Quezon City, was arrested by responding policemen.

Cops say fake liquor laced with methanol

By Tina Santos

METHANOL or methyl alcohol could have caused the deaths of eight men who drank gin that was laced with the substance in Caloocan City last month.

Experts from the crime laboratory of the Northern Police District Office yesterday revealed this finding, adding that methanol, also known as wood alcohol, was a clear, colorless, flammable and poisonous liquid used for fuel, as a solvent, antifreeze agent, among others.

Senior Insp. Filemon Porciuncula, Scene of the Crime Operations (Soco) medico legal officer, who autopsied the body of Gomer Corre, 54, said the cause of death was "cardio-respiratory arrest secondary to ingestion of methanol, a poisonous substance."

Corre was one of five persons

who died after drinking gin during a drinking session in Malabon on May 18.

Methanol was found after a chemical laboratory test was done on Corre's blood sample tissues from the liver, gall bladder and stomach contents by Soco chemist Insp. Albert Arturo.

Police said the poisoning incident could be an isolated case.

Foolproof drug test no easy pie, says expert

By Nini Valera

INSTEAD of doing any good, dubious drug tests can ruin people's lives.

To avoid errors, drug tests should be done in a controlled environment under the supervision of qualified medical technicians and chemists, and using state-of-the-art equipment, an official of a private drug testing company stressed.

"Beginning with the collection of urine samples, proper drug testing must be conducted in a controlled environment," said John Catindig, vice president and general manager of DrugCheck Philippines Inc.

He said people subjected to a drug test must first be frisked by medical technicians who would later accompany them when the urine sample is collected. This is to avoid switching of samples.

"Some could be carrying urine samples not their own," he added.

There should be no source of water in the toilet where the urine sample is collected. Even the toilet bowls must be free of water.

"Sometimes, the person undergoing the drug test scoops out his urine from the toilet bowl instead of catching it with a sterilized container," Catindig explained.

He pointed out that urine samples must not be contaminated with any other substance or reactant, like a toilet bowl cleaner.

After taking the urine sample, a medical technician should take its temperature to deter-



mine if it is fresh or not.

An immunoassay test is then done on the urine to screen it for shabu, marijuana or both.

An immunoassay test is like a pregnancy test. Even if its result is positive, it is not yet conclusive. The test only determines if there is a banned substance in the body.

"You cannot give verdicts based on an immunoassay test," Catindig stressed. He added that even if the person tested positive, it could be just a cross-reaction.

"For example, ephedrine or metamphetamine belong to one family," Catindig explained. "If you take ephedrine, which is in cough syrup, and then take a drug test, you will be found positive for shabu. So these substances should be separated and isolated from each other and cross-reacted."

The banned substances found in the urine would be determined during confirmatory testing.

A standard level of tolerance is also followed in determining the quantity of a banned substance.

In practice, confirmatory laboratories either conduct tests through a manual procedure called the tin layer chromatography or using the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GCMS) equipment, Catindig said.

The manual procedure is not foolproof as it relies on a chemist's interpretation of the different cross-reactions of a substance with a reactant, he said.

But the GCMS determines a unique fragmentation pattern endemic to a specific compound. Because of the specific and unique parameter set by the GCMS, results of tests from this equipment have been found to be accurate.

The law has recognized the superior capacity of the GCMS and, under Article 38 of Republic Act 9165, has prescribed it as

the only equipment to be used for confirmatory tests.

"This means that results from the GCMS can stand in court," Catindig said.

A chemist interprets the GCMS result.

But not all chemists are qualified to do this, Catindig said, adding that only a chemist who has passed three proficiency examinations with a score higher than 90 percent given by the Dangerous Drugs Board is qualified to interpret GCMS results.

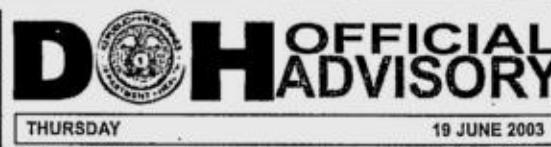
Catindig said there are three things to look for in a foolproof drug test: The qualification of the chemist, the use of the GCMS in the confirmatory test, and fragmentation result from the GCMS machine.

"If all three are not present, then the result of the test is not acceptable in court," Catindig said.

This means that persons identified to have tested positive for drugs based only on results of an immunoassay test could actually challenge the result in court, Catindig added.

As far as Catindig knows, the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory and the Dangerous Drugs Board are the only government agencies that have the GCMS equipment, which costs about P3 million. He said that among the private drug testing companies, only DrugCheck Philippines has a GCMS machine.

He said that the confirmatory test utilizing the GCMS machine should be taken within 15 days of the immunoassay test based on the same urine sample.



A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE vs SARS

One of the ways to avoid getting SARS, or other common diseases for that matter, is by practicing a healthy lifestyle to build the body's resistance. You can do this by having regular exercise, adequate sleep, eating a balanced diet, taking adequate fluids and avoiding smoking.



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Aside from building the body's immunity against ordinary diseases, you can also avoid SARS by practicing personal hygiene, washing one's hands frequently, covering one's mouth when sneezing and coughing. When your resistance is low or when you are sick of other illnesses, you should avoid crowded places.

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currently admitted (June 11, 2003)	2
SARS cases	12
SARS deaths	2
SARS Recovered/Cured	10

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SPORTS

It never happened—Barredo

By Marc Anthony Reyes

"IT NEVER happened."

This was the emotional reply yesterday of Philippine Sports Commissioner Mike Barredo to the sexual harassment allegations hurled against him by a janitress last week in Baguio City.

Barredo, nevertheless, said his lawyers are already taking care of the case which he said he "will fight to the end because it's not true and it's affecting not only me but also my family."

The visually impaired commissioner also cried foul over yesterday's stories on the case, saying some of the details that saw print were

never part of the charge sheet sent to him by the Baguio Prosecutors Office.

While claiming that none of the things mentioned in the write-ups ever happened, Barredo also blasted the media for going out of bounds in translating the contents of the charge sheet, including the part which said: "locked the door, caught her in a tight embrace and started caressing her against her will."

The charge sheet only mentioned that, according to the complainant's account, Barredo had asked to be accompanied to the comfort room where "he mashed my buttocks."

Barredo, 48, said he worked very hard to

become what he is right now despite getting blind after a car accident 24 years ago. "I have gone through very difficult times already, but my family shouldn't."

The commissioner said he's very worried about her 76-year-old mother, his wife of 25 years Barbara and his two kids, who he said were devastated by the reports on the case.

"We are celebrating our 25th anniversary next month," said Barredo, who stopped several times to hold back his tears.

Barbara expressed her full support to Mike during the PSA Forum on Tuesday.

"My lawyers will take care of that (sexual harassment) case," he added. "But I can't

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Duremdes: It's a challenge going up against Jeff

By Roy Luarca

MENTION one name that would prod Kenneth Duremdes to walk straight without crutches. Try Jeffrey Cariaso.

It never fails to squeeze the competitive juices out of Duremdes, the Sta. Lucia Realty star who still walks with a limp, his strained left calf muscle still in

a cast. A grim reminder of the injury he sustained after landing hand on his foot during a rebound scuffle against San Miguel Beer last week.

"Competitor yang si Jeff and it will be a challenge to go up against him (in the semifinals)," said Duremdes, before proceeding to St. Luke's hospital, where he hopes to get a clean bill of

health—and the go-signal to return to the court.

Duremdes and Cariaso are familiar with each other.

They were together for most of two Asian Games campaigns, first in Tim Cone's 1998 Centennial Team where Cariaso was the final cut but joined the team all the way to Bangkok, and again last year in Busan.

Both were also part of Alaska's dominant reign in the nineties—Cariaso left the Aces after the grand slam in 1996 while Duremdes hopped into the bandwagon late in 1997.

Now, Duremdes and Cariaso will be going head to head in the most awaited match-up of the Samsung PBA All-Filipino Cup semifinals, with Sta. Lucia and

Coca-Cola's fates hanging largely on how they will perform.

Before his injury, Duremdes had been the hottest player of the campaign, leading Sta. Lucia Realty in scoring, rebounding and assists and earning a league-high eight best player citations along the way.

His 41-point average in the playoffs is by far the highest for a local in PBA annals.



DUREMDES

Hair follicle test urged for cagers

By Cynthia D. Balana

A CAGER'S crowning glory may yet become his downfall.

A hair follicle test among professional basketball players is being pushed by the House committee on dangerous drugs as a compromise to break the deadlock in the investigation of suspected drug cheats in the Philippine Basketball Association.

Rep. Antonio Cuenco (2nd District, Cebu City), chair of the committee, said the hair follicle sample test is very reliable because it could determine the effect of shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride) residue even after three to six months of use of the illegal substance.

In contrast, he said, shabu residue may not appear in a urine sample test if one immediately abstains from using it and other prohibited drugs.

Cuenco said a private firm Drug Check Philippines, Inc. was willing to conduct free hair follicle test among PBA players who earlier tested positive during a mandatory drug test conducted by the league and the Department of Health.

It's Graham

IT'S now official. Graham Lim is the 2003 NCAA commissioner.

The NCAA management committee yesterday announced the appointment of Lim, also the secretary general of the Basketball Association of the Philippines.

Frank Gusi, athletic moderator and committee chair of host San Sebastian College, said Lim was a unanimous choice over four others who were interviewed for the post.

Roy Luarca



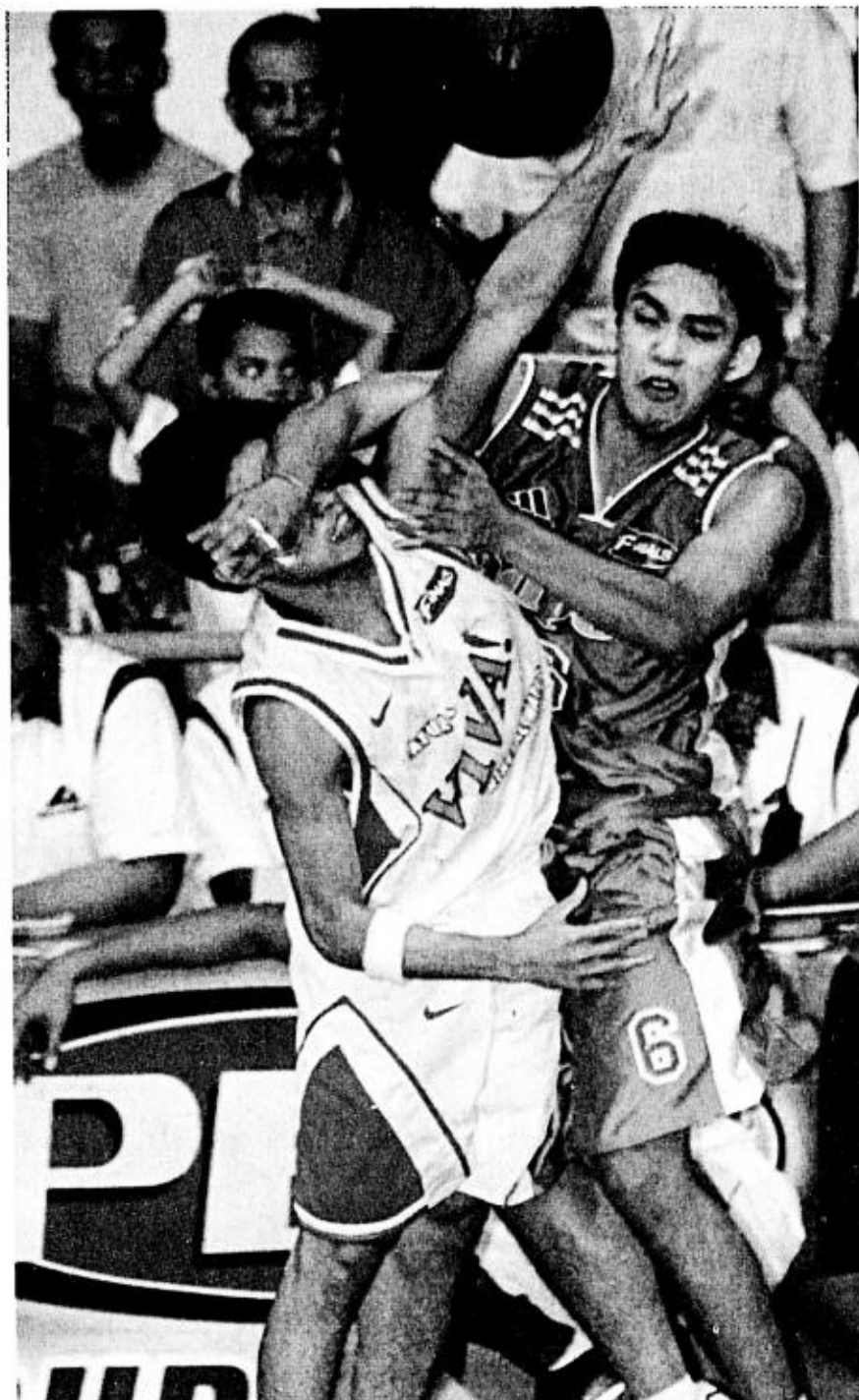
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GOLF: US Open Highlight Show; 12 noon (r - 7 p.m.); ESPN - Catch the best highlights from the third round at Olympia Fields, Illinois.

Inside the PGA Tour: 3:30 p.m. (r - 7 p.m.); Star Sports - Learn more about the latest news and information from the most competitive golf tour in the world.

Buick Classic, tomorrow at 4 a.m.; Star Sports - First round action kicks off in Rye, New York.

TENNIS: Wimbledon Films; 8 a.m., 2:30 p.m. (r) and 8 p.m.; Star Sports - Relive all the glorious moments of the 2000 and 2001 edition of Wimbledon. Schedules subject to change without prior notice.



THE HAND of Hapee's Peter June Simon (right) lands on the face of a Viva defender as they dispute ball possession in Game 4 of their PBL title series Tuesday night. Hapee won, 80-65.

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Hapee-Viva KO collision today

By Dennis U. Eroa

FOR a coach who won his last battle easily, Hapee Toothpaste mentor Junel Baculi seems overly cautious. But really, he has enough reasons to be wary.

"It's still anybody's ballgame. We're back to zero in Game 5, but the problem is, there will be no tomorrows," said Baculi, referring to Hapee's do-or-die title showdown with Viva Mineral Water for the Sunkist-PBL 2003 Unity Cup today.

Baculi also feels that Viva has a lot more to give in the 3 p.m. encounter at the Pasig Sports Center.

"You may have seen the best of us, but we have not yet seen Viva Mineral Water to the fullest. It's one underrated team that turned out to be the biggest surprise this conference. I have so much respect for them for getting this far," Baculi said.

Viva reached the final on its first year with a roster that could hardly compare with the league's stronger teams. Yet, through the masterful guidance of coach Koy Banal, the Water Force had even taken a 2-1 lead in the championship series.

Hapee, however, bared its full power in taking Game 4, 80-65, Tuesday night to level the

series and force the decider.

Despite the strength and solid teamwork his wards showed Tuesday night, Baculi is not taking any chances.

"I don't want to be caught by surprise in Game 5. The past four championship games gave our rivals the needed experience so everything's equal here. We have to set the tone from the start and play good defense," said Baculi.

Allan Salangsang and Eugene Tan will be the biggest headaches for Banal. Salangsang has been the Teeth Sparklers' top scorer in the series and in Game 4, he spiced up his 20 points with nine rebounds and two blocks.

The game will be simulcast live over the National Broadcasting Network and Solar Sport Channel 29.



Lhuillier, Bulls score impressive wins

SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga—Cebu's M. Lhuillier Kwartá Padala and host Pampanga Bulls tallied impressive wins to keep within range of unbeaten Maynila in the National Basketball League championship Tuesday at the Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center here.

Arnold Rodriguez starred by drilling in

nine of Lhuillier's final 12 points, including four free throws in the last 29 seconds, as the Cebuanos tripped Bulacan's Spring Cooking Oil in overtime, 103-99, while the Bulls leaned on VJ Santos' four charities in the last 44 seconds to edge Compak Shineway-Ozamiz, 74-72.

Roy Luarca

RP bets head taekwondo tilt cast

MEMBERS of the national pool, including those taking part in the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games, get to sharpen their skills against upcoming taekwondo jins when the Samsung Best of the Best Taekwondo Championships unfurl July 14-20 at the Gloriaietta Activity Center in Makati.

With more than 500 jins taking part, the event will help determine the country's strength in the SEA Games where we won four gold medals during the Kuala Lumpur edition two years ago.

Philippine Taekwondo Association president and Philippine Olympic Committee chair Robert

Aventajado said the tourney hopes to also drum up interest in the sport where the country eyes to win its first Olympic gold medal.

There will be 220 registered participants from Metro Manila, while 180 will compete for chapters and clubs from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

Competitions will be in men's and women's fin, fly, bantam, feather, light, welter and middle/heavyweight. Junior men's and women's category will be for fin, fly, bantam, feather, light welter and middle.

The weeklong event, which includes demonstrations and clin-

ics conducted by former champions like Monsour del Rosario, will also have age-group events which will be divided according to height and age.

Registrations and weigh in will be held July 12-13, while actual competition starts July 14, according to chief organizer Grandmaster Sung Chon Hong, PTA executive vice president.

Among the expected participants are last year's champions Angelito Ong and Rachel Marcial (fin), Anthony Ong and Sugar Catalan (fly), Rodolfo Abratique Jr. and Eufreshnee Catalan (bantam).

Marc Anthony Reyes

It never happened . . .

fight the press."

Barredo, who is in the middle of preparation for the three-day National Heroes' Olympics which starts today, said it's going to be

very difficult changing the public perception but vowed "to stand up and clear my name."

PSC chair Eric Buhan has already submitted his report to

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President Arroyo, who will decide Barredo's fate. The commissioner said he would stay in his position because he "serves at the pleasure of the President."



BOWLING CHAMP

RP coach Purvis Granger (right) makes a strike as his opponent, Malaysian Azidi bin Ameran, looks away during the finals of the 2003 Aviva Asian Bowling Tour-Manila leg recently. Granger won, 245-229, to retain the men's Masters crown while Shalin Zulkifli of Malaysia topped the women's side.

Tiger & Toti: Two of a kind

THE THING about Toti Cariño, the renaissance man from Pasig, is that he loves golf so much. The last 20 years or so, he has spent his waking hours devoted to the uplift of the game. The funny thing is, he is not a pro, a choice that, ironically enough, still made him a man of wealth by the yardstick of the man in the street.

Odd you think?

Maybe. Pros, not duffers like Toti Cariño and me, are supposed—the really good ones you know—to earn a fortune playing the game.

Look at Tiger Woods. A pro since 1996, he has won 7 of his last 11 appearances in majors. He is easily worth \$200 million now.

And that's a very conservative estimate. And Woods, only 27 years old, is one shy of duplicating Bobby Jones' record haul of 8 majors won by golfers below 30 years of age.

Some guys love earning a living from their game like Tiger Woods.

Other guys earn a living by simply loving the game like Toti Cariño.

Tiger Woods has said: "The minute I held a club, I knew this was the game that will make me rich."

A sweep of the four majors just a while back has virtually enshrined Woods to golf's Hall of Fame. More importantly, it also meant a bankbook that, as of last accounting, could give him five lifetimes.

Toti Cariño has said: "The minute I saw a golf course, I knew I'd make a life of ease out of it."

He built one not long after, which two-time US Open champion Ernie Els described, after sampling it in 1997, as "the kind of golf course you need to play a couple of times in order to know the layout."

The course made Toti Cariño's life complete. Almost.

A country boy at heart, Toti scoured the island of Panay in search of a spot that will be home to his dream. He found Boracay, that patch of island-paradise in Catilcan in the town of Malay, Aklan. There, he bought 122 hectares, which is 10 percent of Boracay's total land area of 1,100 has.

In no time, Toti built the crown jewel of Panay, the Fairways & Bluewater, a spanking golf course of lush coco-vegetation of mountain ranges on one side and emerald green of the deep ocean on the other. All of 72 holes. With no less than the legendary Graham Marsh as the architect.

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza



In no time, Toti built the Boracay Terraces Resort, an elegant edifice of quiet dignity at the far end of the world-famed, powder-soft white beach.

In no time, Toti became known as Boracay's single biggest investor, whose major accomplishment among many noble deeds has been the installation of a pipeline at sea to supply 70 percent of Boracay's urgent need for soft, clean water coming from Catilcan.

When he was through with what amounted to as almost the work of Leonardo da Vinci, the country's man-made wonder next only in magnificence to the Banahaw Rice Terraces had cost Toti Cariño and the giant Fil-Estate group he had co-founded a fortune: a staggering P2.3 billion.

And yet, when he was through, Toti Cariño could only sigh and say: "Ah, but

the dream has just begun."

He next intends to build a state-of-the-art power generator that will make Boracay, whose bulk of electricity still comes from faraway Kabankalan and Bacolod, self-sufficient and comparable to the world's certified tourist destinations like Cannes of France and the Riviera of Monaco.

But before he could even go full blast on that, President Macapagal-Arroyo saluted Toti Cariño's gargantuan efforts at pushing Boracay's already impressive image farther in the world stage. Ate Glo did that in a recent visit to the island, singling Toti Cariño out from the throng of well-wishers.

"I was humbled, of course, because what praise can be more flattering than the one coming from the president of the republic herself," said Toti, who, barring any unforeseen event, is due to finally assume his long overdue seat this August as the duly elected representative of Pasig.

The son of a lawyer from Vigan, Ilocos Sur, and a UST professor of Humanities and English from Molo, Iloilo, Toti Cariño could have gotten his passion to conquer great odds from his great, great grandfather on the maternal side, General Martin Delgado. Delgado was the

first Filipino general to revolt against Spanish rule in Panay.

If Tiger Woods, the son of a Green Beret who cheated death in the Vietnam War with the help of a Vietnamese he loved calling Tiger (now you know why the world No. 1 golfer is nicknamed Tiger), learned early on in life that dreams are there to be chased, Toti Cariño shaped his early code words of success by presenting dreams to people who'd care to listen.

"First, I'd offer my dream and then let my listeners know that my entire life was on the line for that dream," said Toti, 46, a philosophy major from UST. "Once that dream is bought, you'll never hear from me again because I'll be busy chasing that dream till the end of the earth."

Believers thus far number 3,100. All members of Fairways & Bluewater.

Wait till a town center gets completed there, with the area's two breathtaking coves serving as major motif. Amihan Village, Habagat Haven, whatever the name, soon it'll be with us. Toti Cariño's into it like a woodpecker at work.

Don't be surprised, too, if Tiger Woods himself would cut the ribbon during its opening.

Duffers invited.

Beckham to 'Real' for \$41M

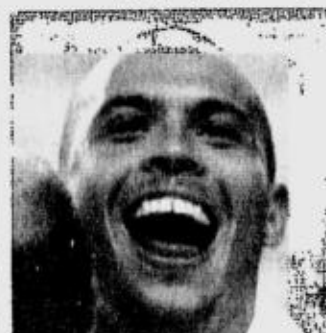
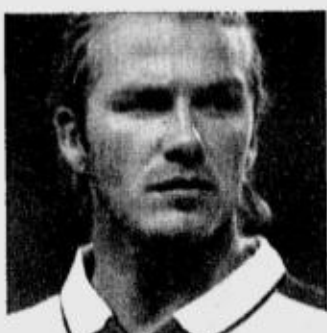
LONDON—The David Beckham era is over for Manchester United.

The English soccer star was sold to Real Madrid on Tuesday by Manchester United for a US\$41 million transfer fee.

The Premier League champions said the deal would be finalized in July.

"I know that I will always regret it later in life if I had turned down the chance to play at another great club like Real Madrid," Beckham said in a statement released through his agents.

Last week, Manchester United said it had reached a deal to ship Beckham to Barcelona. But the player turned down the move, clearing the way for a transfer to his preferred



SOCCER'S BEST: File photos show some of Real Madrid's top international stars, including, clockwise from top left David Beckham, Roberto Carlos, Zinedine Zidane, Raul, Ronaldo and Luis Figo. With the purchase of British star Beckham, Real Madrid has completed an unmatched collection of soccer's crown jewels, a sextet of the best and brightest attacking players in the world.

REUTERS

choice—glamorous Real Madrid, the nine-time European Cup champion.

The England captain and midfielder left London on Tuesday for a promotional tour of Japan, Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand.

Beckham, a 13-year veteran with Manchester United, was benched during last season by team manager Sir Alex Ferguson. Beckham dismissed suggestions of a rift with Ferguson despite several publicized fallouts.

"I would like to publicly thank Sir Alex Ferguson for making me the player I am today," Beckham said in the statement.

The England captain is more than a soccer star. He's a cultural icon, the nation's most talked about, written about and photographed personality. The story of his possible departure was the top story on newscasts and in newspapers.

He's a marketing colossus with a talent for self-promotion. Sure, he's one of the best in the world at crosses and free kicks, but he's also fashion model, hairstyle trendsetter and all-around celebrity.

He's popular with soccer fans and non-fans alike, men, women, children and different ethnic and racial groups. AP

SPORTSWATCH

Toddler, dog join Manila Marathon

AN octogenarian, a toddler and a dog will share the limelight with the national standouts when the Manila Marathon kicks off on Sunday. Raymundo San Juan, an 89-year-old marvel from Pasay City; Liliana Garcia, turning three next month; and Obi, a mongrel named after Obi Wan Kanobi of Stars Wars fame, will be among the starting field of more than 20,000 at the break of dawn at the Quirino Grandstand. San Juan is entered in the 10K, Garcia in the 3K race with her mom and Obi in the 42K with his master, Danny Capina of Bukidnon. "This goes to show that running is very much alive in the Filipinos' hearts," said Ali Atienza, chair of the Manila Sports Council, which is co-organizing the event with the Manila Sports Foundation.

Serena, Venus on opposite sides

WIMBLEDON, England—After an all-Belgian French Open final broke the streak, Wimbledon could be another all-in-the-family affair. Serena and Venus Williams were placed on opposite sides of the Wimbledon women's draw Tuesday and could meet in another Grand Slam final. Serena Williams, who won Wimbledon for the first time last year, and older sister Venus, the 2000 and '01 champion, have met in four of the last five Grand Slam championship matches. The one they didn't reach was the last—at Roland Garros a month ago when Justine Henin-Hardenne beat fellow Belgian Kim Clijsters in a history making French Open final. Defending men's champion Lleyton Hewitt got a break when his likely second-round opponent, former winner Richard Krajicek, withdrew with a right elbow injury just hours after the draw.

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Sosa hopes fans forget, forgive



SOSA

CINCINNATI—Sammy Sosa spent the final day of his suspension asking fans to forgive and forget that he used a corked bat. His manager knows it won't be that simple. Sosa took batting practice with the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday, then prepared to sit out the seventh and final game of his suspension, a 2-1, 10-inning loss to Cincinnati. He's expected back in the lineup Wednesday against the Reds. The Dominican got a warm reception from fans during batting practice at Great American Ball Park, where he hit career homer No. 500 on April 4. There were no taunts or cork jokes.

AP

'Libro' golfest slated June 23

THE "LIBRO ni Loren Foundation Inc." will hold its first invitational golf tournament on June 23 at the Sta. Elena Golf and Country Club in Cabuyao, Laguna. Senate Majority Leader Loren Legarda is inviting local sportsmen to join the tournament for teams composed of four members each under the Stableford format. The foundation was established by Senator Legarda in 1999 to help send child laborers to school to give them a better chance at life. For details, please call Diwata, Maret or Nenat at 810-3063 and 551-7603.

Quirimit joins Dagupan bikefest

NEWLY crowned Tour ng Pilipinas champion Arnel Quirimit will be the top favorite when the inaugural Agew na Dagupan Criterium, the first-ever professional bicycle speed race to be held here, fires off today. Some 70 cyclists are joining the bikefest which will highlight the 56th founding anniversary of Dagupan City, according to Mayor Benjamin S. Lim. Quirimit will also lead the field joining the one-day Tour of Tagaytay tomorrow. Tagaytay Mayor Francis Tolentino will personally send off the riders in the 140-kilometer race starting at 8 a.m.

Teeners draw with Antonio, Torre

GRANDMASTERS Rogelio Antonio Jr. and Eugene Torre scored similar 17 wins and one draw in their simul exhibitions against Milo Checkmate enrollees held over the weekend at J & F Divino Bldg. along Aurora Boulevard in Quezon City. Thirteen-year-old Zhaira Marie Marquez of Colegio de Santa Philomena of Pullan, Bulacan held the country's No. 1 ranked Antonio into a draw after 32 moves of a Colle System while 11-year-old Mari Joseph Turqueza forced Torre to split the point after a series of perpetual checks in 39 moves of an English opening. The tournament is open to kids 5 years old and above. For details, please call the Metropolitan Chess Club and Checkmate Phils. at 826-8560 and 0916-852-1069.

Champions League resumes today

DEFENDING NCAA champion San Sebastian College faces University of the Philippines while University of Manila meets Philippine Christian University at the resumption of the Grudge Games of Champions League 2003 today at the Makati Coliseum. The Stags and the Fighting Maroons clash at 4 p.m. following the UM-PCU encounter at 2 p.m. In Tuesday's opening, Las Piñas College stunned University of Perpetual Help-Rizal, 89-80, while University of Santo Tomas narrowly beat Jose Rizal University, 81-79. Jamal Viscara led the Tigers with 21 points and Lago Raterta added 16 and Derek Hubalde 14 points.

Basketball shootout at Megamall

THE SPORTSHOUSE Basketball Shootout resumes tomorrow (June 20) at SM Megamall with PBA, PBL and UAAP cagers as special guests. The special project, which is part of Sportshouse's 20th anniversary celebration, is sponsored by Mikasa, Molten, Ratsky, Lino's and Team Inc. Featured in the fun activity are Three-point Shootout, 2 Ball, Beat My Score and a 2-on-2 contest open to all SM and Sportshouse customers. Popular basketballers like Romel Adducul, Gerard Francisco, Samboy Lim, Eric Reyes, Norman Black, the Purefoods TJ Hotdogs and the Blustar team are expected to grace the event.

Samsung Tour at Forest today

A GRUDGE match is in the offing as Jerome Delariarte and Boyet Zaragosa, finalists in last month's national amateur tilt, shoot it out together with 13 other low-handicappers in the championship division in the kick-off leg of the nationwide Samsung Golf Tour and Putting Challenge starting today at the Forest Hills Golf and Country Club course in Antipolo City.

Delariarte will be eyeing a quick victory after trashing Zaragosa in the RP amateur final at Riviera in the 36-hole tiff although tested veterans like the other mainstays of the Carlubang stable, Southeast Asian Games champ Juvic Pagunsan and Jun Bernis, are out to spoil his bid.

The intense action in the centerpiece division will highlight a multi-skill level competition where players in Class A (5-9.9), Class B (10-14.9), Class C (15 and above) for men and ladies Class A (0-9.9) and Class B (10 and above) will be gunning for Samsung appliances and trophies that will be awarded to the top three finishers. Jong Arcano



FIRST PITCH

World heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis throws the ceremonial first pitch prior to the start of San Francisco Giants game against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. Lewis is in town to defend his WBO and WBA titles against Vitali Klitschko on Saturday. The fight will be telecast live by Solar Sports at 10 a.m. on June 22 over RPN-9 and Channel 29. Replay will be on June 23 over IBC-13 at 7 p.m.

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Boob tube boobos

HOST: How are you enjoying your new life in Vancouver, Canada? The views there are fantastic. I still remember the ride up the mountain in that fantastic cable car!

Guest: I know, I took the same ride! Ang saya ko nung nasa loob ako ng cable!
(Buti hindi ka naipit!)

Host: How much separation pay did you get from your employer when he dismissed you?

Guest: Binigyan lang niya ako ng dalawang libong daan.
(Pakiulit nga?)

Host: Are you excited about your first major concert?

Guest: Of course!

Host: What would you like to say to your fans?

Guest: Manood kayo, ha? And, when you're watching, help me make the show lively. You better put a clap in your hands!

(I don't know if I like you that much!)

Host: After your traumatic experience, are you a changed man?

Guest: I hope so. Yes, I am.

Host: How did the change come about?

Guest: I just spent a lot of time by myself thinking, meditating. And one day, I just decided what's going to be different this time ago!

(Sayang, you were doing so well!)

Host: You have constructed a big sports center in your hometown. Why did you do it?

Guest: For pride.

Host: For—pride?

Guest: Yes, of my townspeople. I invested in that expensive sports center to see for the Filipinos themselves!
(To what?)

Host: Tell us about your concert this weekend. What special treats do you have in store for your fans?

Guest: Mahirap nang magsalita. Let's just say that we will give the audience a run for their expectation!
(Promise, ha?)

Host: Can you explain why, on the same month that you left your group, you got a contract as a solo recording artist? Plano mo na talaga sigurong umalis, ano?

Guest: No, I swear. Consistent lang siyuro 'yon!
(Ay, consistent!)

Host: I hear you gave your special friend a very expensive gift on his last birthday...

Guest: So, what's wrong? After all, deserving siya because he's a long friend of mine!

(How long?)

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

'The Amazing Race'

THE POPULAR adventure-reality series, "The Amazing Race," is now on its fourth season on the AXN action-adventure channel. The show is telecast every Friday at 8 p.m., with replays at 6 p.m. and midnight on Sundays, 5 p.m. on Mondays, 1 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 2 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Created and executive-produced by Jerry Bruckheimer and Bertram van Munster, the new season features 12 new couples, each with a pre-existing relationship. They take off from the United States on a fast-paced trip around the world.

At each designated destination, the

couples compete in a series of physical or mental tasks that will lead them to their next destination. The slowest couples are progressively eliminated, and the first couple to reach the final destination (also in the United States) wins the grand prize of \$1 million.

On Star Movies

THURSDAY, June 19, "The Avengers" with Ralph Fiennes, Uma Thurman and Sean Connery. Friday, June 20, "Apocalypse Now Redux" with Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall and Martin Sheen. Saturday, June 21, "Far and Away" with Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman.

Sunday, June 22, "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" With Danny DeVito, Martin Lawrence and John Leguizamo. Monday, June 23, "American Cyborg: Steel Warrior" with Joe Lara.

Tuesday, June 24, "Derailed" with Jean-Claude van Damme. All screenings at 9 p.m.

Love & Romance
at GREENBELT this June

GREENBELT 1
Artfilm, Greenbelt 1: Punchdrunk Love (Adam Sandler)
on June 18 to July 1

Coffee club discussion: June 18, 7pm at Cinema 2, Greenbelt 1

Watch the series of MONOLOGUES with Epi Quizon, Angel Aquino and Pinky Amador and piece these stories together.

GREENBELT 1 Monologues and MAGIC June 18, 7 pm at the Café Row
June 25, 7 pm at Dellfrance Area.

GREENBELT 2 Monologues and SERENADES July 2, 7 pm

GREENBELT 3 Monologues and THEATER DUETS July 3, 7 pm

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SCREENPLAY BY JAMES SCHAMUS BASED UPON THE MARVEL CHARACTER CREATED BY STAN LEE AND WRITTEN BY JOHN TURMAN AND MICHAEL FRANCE AND JAMES SCHAMUS
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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Louie C. Camino

'Chinovelas' harmless, say MTRCB, educators

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE MOVIE and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), which is closely watching television noontime shows for vulgarity, and educators see no harm in "chinovelas," or Taiwanese serials, the most popular of which had been banned in China for its allegedly negative influence on the youth.

According to MTRCB chair Consoliza Laguardia, Filipinos can even "learn new things" from the chinovelas and should not reject them.

"We should welcome change," said sociologist and University of Sto. Tomas professor Josephine Aguilar.

Laguardia said the values to be learned from the chinovelas, like ABS-CBN's "Meteor Garden" and GMA 7's

"MVP Valentine," are not totally different from Filipino values.

"The reason why Filipinos are so into chinovelas these days is because we can relate to what is happening to most of the characters in these Taiwanese soaps," Laguardia told INQUIRER Entertainment.

"Come to think of it, our own telenovelas are more 'adult' in terms of storyline than these new Taiwanese shows," Laguardia pointed out.

China had banned "Meteor Garden," a hit throughout Southeast Asia, allegedly due to complaints from parents. The series started to air on some TV stations in China only last February, but China's Administration of Radio, Film and Television banned it starting March 8.

Even when she is not against chinovelas, Laguardia said she would still

closely monitor them to make sure they follow MTRCB rules and regulations.

"We still have to review them," she said. "And if we find something questionable about them, we shall make our opinion known to the public."

GMA 7 admitted it has acquired two more Taiwanese dramas in addition to "My MVP Valentine" which premiered on June 9.

Professor Aguilar said the chinovelas introduce a culture that is so different from ours and yet is fascinating.

"Now we have something to compare the Spanish telenovelas to," she said.

In the late '90s, Spanish-language soaps became very popular in the Philippines, led by "Marimar" and "Maria del Barrio" which starred Mexican singer-actress Thalía.

Aguilar said that unlike Spanish telenovelas that present exaggerated situations, chinovelas are more realistic and believable. "These new shows deal with conflicts that Filipinos can relate to, like going out with friends and getting into trouble," she said.

Lucy Orense, an MTRCB board member and also a director of Twinkle Toes Preschool in Quezon City, noted that "there's no heavy drama" in the chinovelas.

"The shows talk about normal college life," Orense said. "People are so hooked to chinovelas because they want to look back to what they were before."

As a teacher, she finds nothing wrong in that most of her students watch the Taiwanese soaps when they get home from school. "It's still up to their parents," she said.

'MTB' hosts' suspension a wake-up call for others

THE SUSPENSION of Willie Revillame and John Estrada from "Masayang Tanghali, Bayan" should be a wake-up call for other TV hosts, especially those on non-prime time shows because technically they're still within "General Patronage" time.

A "Parental Guidance" warning prior to the program does not guarantee that kids won't be watching since they are up and about at noontime. In fact, the "PG" sign could be counter-productive at times. It piques the curiosity of young viewers and prompts them to take a

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Dolly Ann Carvajal



peek at what they're not supposed to watch.

I also host a talk show but it's aired at 9:30 p.m., past children's bedtime, so I'm given a little more leeway to crack

naughty remarks as long as it's within the bounds of decency. We must keep the discussion lively and free-wheeling, and sometimes that entails injecting playful one-liners, but we must know where to draw the line between plain mischief and outright vulgarity. It's always best to leave something to the imagination.

Guess who...

GUESS who this well-known fashion designer is, who keeps on harping that another couturier is his best friend. The thing is, they once had a terrible confrontation over a guy in a restaurant. Designer A accused Designer B of snatching his lover (who happens to be the brother of a well-respected news-

caster and is now the lover of a composer/singer). That was many fashion trends ago when Designer B wasn't big-time yet. Now that Designer B has finally made it, here comes Designer A trying to claim being super close to him. Even at the height of their fight, Couturier B kept mum as Couturier A blabbered away like a woman scorned. Is Designer A hoping to increase his market value by riding on Designer B's popularity, or is he out to ensnare whoever Designer B's current lover is? As they say, keep your friends close but keep your enemies closer. And the best way to get even with your enemies is to make them your friends.

Guess who this sexy actress is who

turns off most of her suitors because of her dumb remarks. For instance, when her businessman date took her to a ritzy restaurant and asked her how she liked her steak, medium well or well done, she retorted, "Ayoko ng medium. Small lang, kasi I'm on a diet. Basta huwag i-fry!"

'CDC' tonight

IN behalf of my co-hosts TJ Manotoc and Angelu de Leon, I urge you all to catch our show ("Celebrity DAT Com") 9:30-10:30 p.m. tonight on IBC 13 (I kid them and say that IBC stands for my mom's name Inday Badiday Carvajal).

"CDC" tonight features a panel discussion about film festivals and telenovelas with Direk Joey Javier Reyes, Gina Alajar, Don Escudero, Jeffrey Jeturian and Khryst Adalia. Other live guests will be Alma Moreno, Aleck Bovick and Joko Diaz.



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Actor-director Mel Gibson (in file photo) insists his forthcoming film "The Passion" about Jesus Christ will "inspire, not offend" Catholics and Jews. The \$25-million movie stars Jim Caviezel as Jesus during the last 12 hours of his life and Monica Bellucci as Mary Magdalene, and its dialogue is in Latin and Aramaic, the language Jesus used. It will have no English sub-titles.

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Dusit Hotel Nikko's 'Flavors of Thailand'

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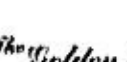
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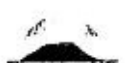
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enchantment. The poolside restaurant serves delicious snacks, drinks, and is a perfect spot for a barbecue.

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Discover the culinary wonders of 'communal sharing' at Mi Piacce

A SMORGASBORD of pasta choices is available at The Peninsula Manila's superb Italian restaurant, Mi Piacce, featuring the "Pasta Basta" promotion that runs from June 9 to July 6.

The "it" in this case is the practice of sharing meals, which is the "in" way of eating as espoused by Mi Piacce resident Italian chef Michele Mingozzi.

Pasta, one of Italy's signature dishes, was conceived in a similarly convivial spirit. Normally served individually at Mi Piacce, the dishes will be served in large bowls at the dining table during the "Pasta Basta" promotion, the way it is served in rustic homes in la bella Italia.

Chef Mingozzi explains: "When guests sit down at the table and peruse the menu, they will discover that they have six kinds of pasta to choose from and 10 kinds of sauces to go with them. "But so, what?" you may ask. Well, we are going one step further by providing them with a mini smorgasbord of pasta and sauces on their tableside.

"For a minimum of four guests per table, you get to order two kinds of pasta along with an assortment of six different sauces. All this for only P300++ per guest!" To top it all, it's an eat-all-you-can 'Pasta Basta' affair.

The concept is especially attractive during these times when restaurant patrons place a premium on value for their money. Guests will also agree that there is fun in sharing as well as sampling a variety of six savory sauces on their two pasta choices.

Pasta choices will range from tagliatelle, penne, bavette, rigatoni, fusilli to farfalle. And the sauces are classic favorites like napoletana, arrabiata, bolognese, carbonara, pesto, putanesca and amatriciana along with three other funky new creations like Edsa Stuffer (clams, mussels, fresh pineapple, lechon kawali, fresh chopped tomato and tarragon), Mediterranean Matinee (creamy tomato sauce, button and abalone mushrooms, prawns, garlic,

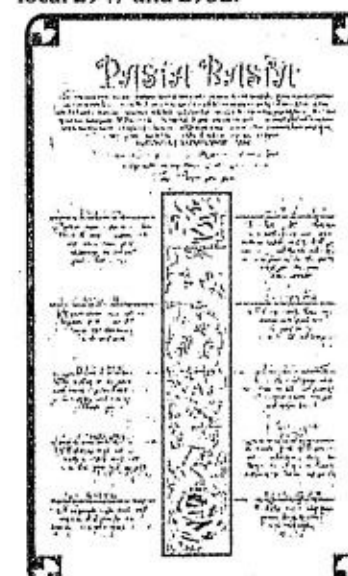
onions and parsley) and La Dolce Vita (pesto with onions, cherry tomatoes, tuna and olives).

While they are going one step ahead of the pack with their idea of "communal sharing," Mi Piacce has not forgotten guests who prefer ordering from an à la carte pasta menu.

Chef Mingozzi has created seven dishes with solo dining in mind like Ravioli di ricotta e spinaci con salmone affumicato e pomodoro fresco (ravioli of ricotta and spinach with home-made smoked salmon and fresh tomatoes), Fettucine verdi con coniglio e carciofi freschi (green fettucine with rabbit and fresh artichoke), Garganelli con bolognese d'agnello e pesto (garganelli with lamb bolognese and pesto), Agnolotti di patate con caprino, peperoni, caviale di trota a aneto (agnolotti of potatoes filled with goat cheese and a sauce of bell pepper, dill and trout caviar), etc. A big bowl of his à la carte pasta creations is a delicious lunch or supper at P395++.

Mi Piacce's "Pasta Basta" promotion is perfect to share with friends (or to enjoy alone). And there is a sweet ending, too: Chef Michele Mingozzi's to-die-for desserts.

For inquiries and restaurant reservations for the "Pasta Basta" promotion call Mi Piacce at The Peninsula Manila at 887-2888, local 2947 and 2952.



Mandarin Oriental offers ultimate dining, room package Paseo Uno until Aug. 31

IN LINE with its vision to delight and satisfy guests, Mandarin Oriental, Manila offers the Paseo Uno package, the ultimate room and dining package that caters to gastronomic and sybaritic pleasures and additionally, gives the best value.

The Paseo Uno package consists of an overnight stay for two in a Superior room, and the luxury of breakfast and lunch or dinner for two at the hotel's newly opened Paseo Uno, a trendy, all-day dining restaurant that offers the finest Asian and International specialties for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Offered at P3,600++ on weekends and P4,400++ on weekdays, the introductory deal represents substantial discounts that are unique only to this package.

Paseo Uno's theater of live kitchens has reinvented buffet dining by making it a more

interactive and intimate experience. Right before the diners' eyes, the buffet dishes are cooked, roasted, pan-fried or grilled to tender perfection. Everything is as freshly prepared as an à la carte order made especially for the diner.

Its ultra-chic ambience and interiors afford diners a feast for other senses as well. The interplay of lights, textures, patterns and colors create a visual tapestry, a breath-taking backdrop not so easy to forget. The ingenious use of water in its glass enclosed waterfalls and indoor ponds evoke calm and serenity, a sharp contrast to the excitement and energy permeating its live food stations.

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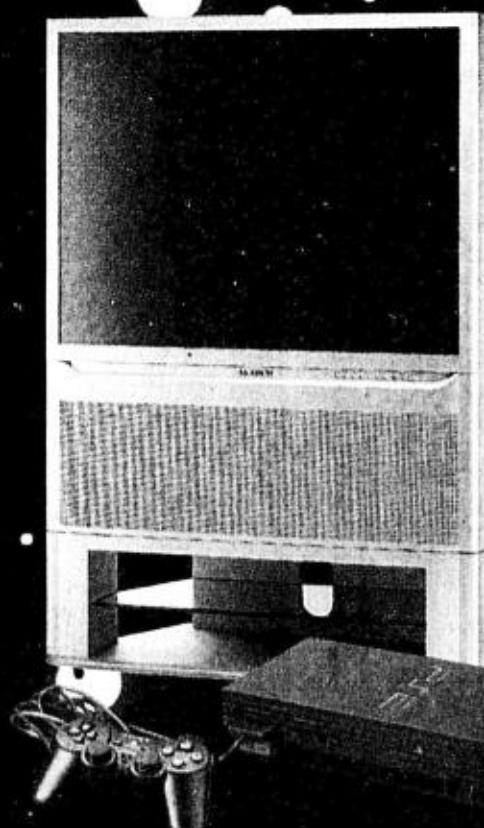
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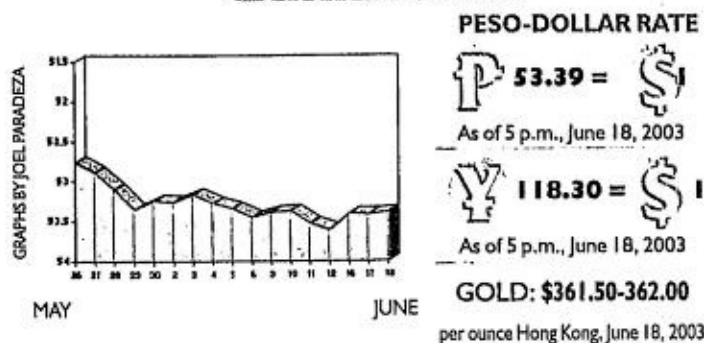
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Shares end mixed

SHARES released some steam yesterday, snapping a five-day winning streak and closing mixed as investors cashed in recent gains in select blue chips.

But even as the main index closed lower, analysts noted the market still showed relative strength as gainers outnumbered decliners 41 to 30. There were 33 issues unchanged.

The 30-company Philippine Stock Exchange Index closed 11.49 points or 0.9 percent, lower at 1253.02 after surging 58.98 points to close Tuesday at 1264.51—its highest level in a year.

The broader All Shares Index still rose 1.41 points to 756.84, adding to the 20.27 points it gained Tuesday.

"This correction is a bit overdue," Chelsea Dipasupil, research manager at RCBC Securities, told Dow Jones Newswires.

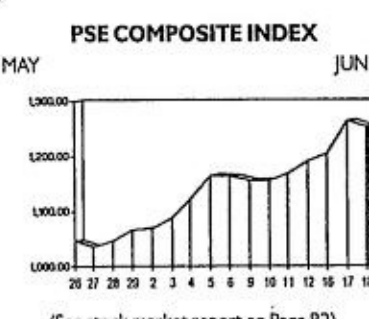
Spencer Yap, assistant vice president for research, said the market has been at overbought levels and needed to consolidate its gains.

In the past five trading days to Tuesday, the local stock market advanced more than 8 percent on a steady stream of foreign funds.

PLDT, which led the market rally in recent days due to its rosy earnings outlook, succumbed to profit-taking, closing 3.7 percent lower at P525.

BPI, Ayala Corp. and Globe Telecom, all index heavyweights, also retreated due to profit-taking.

Other blue chips such as oil refiner Petron and Metrobank still advanced, which some traders said was a sign that funds were just being shifted to other stocks and not being taken out of the market altogether.



(See stock market report on Page B2)

By Doris C. Dumlaog

THE GOVERNMENT has uncovered a bigtime syndicate selling millions of pesos worth of fake tax credit certificates (TCCs) to enterprises, prompting the Bureau of Internal Revenue to draft fresh measures to tighten the use of this much abused fiscal incentive.

In a joint press briefing yesterday, Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Parayno and National Bureau of Investigation chief of anti-graft division Jose Justo Yap announced the apprehension of three individuals, including a BIR personnel, in an entrapment operation.

The three were Arlyn Duque, revenue officer II of the BIR; Danilo Reyes, who represented himself as an officer of a large multinational company which was allegedly the holder of the TCCs being sold, and Vicente Asuncion, who represented himself as a DOF official who

vouched for the authenticity of the TCC being sold.

They were caught red-handed on Monday as they were allegedly selling fake TCCs worth P27.8 million to a large company, who relayed to the DOF's One-Stop-Stop Tax Credit and Duty Drawback Center (OSS Center) their doubts on the authenticity of the documents.

The suspects, who are now in the custody of the NBI, have been charged before the Pasig City Prosecutor's Office with estafa through falsification of public documents and violation of the anti-graft and corrupt practices act.

Duque, being a government employee, was likewise charged with violation of the Code of Conduct for Ethical Standards.

"For the government to be effective against these, we need the cooperation and assistance of the private sector," Camacho said, lauding the company which tipped officials of the fake TCCs.

Unlike before where the perpetrators just used fake and spurious documents to procure TCCs from the OSS Center, the new modus operandi of these people involve the use of fake TCCs, completely bypassing the application and processing operations of the OSS.

"The rigid internal control processes instituted in the said office and the continuing investigation of personnel involved in the first tax credit scam have prompted these criminal syndicates to falsify instead the end product, the TCC itself, which it then attempts

to sell and eventually use in connivance with some corrupt personnel at the BIR and Bureau of Customs," the DOF said in a statement.

The new modus operandi was cracked by the Special Presidential Task Force 156, which is preparing legal charges against more than 60 companies involved in a string of tax credit scams that cost the government about P5.3 billion in foregone revenues between 1994 and 1998.

Following with these scams, the BIR is proposing a new revenue regulation to tighten the use of TCCs by enterprises.

The TCCs are being used for tax refund by industries that are entitled to fiscal incentives, many of them exporters. The proposal is to restrict the transferability of these TCCs to only affiliates and subsidiaries of first-hand beneficiaries of these incentives.

34 more cooperatives to slash power rates

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE ENERGY Regulatory Commission has issued a provisional authority to 34 more electric cooperatives to reduce their rates, bringing to 61 as of June 5 the number of rural distributors that were slashing their rates.

In a letter to the Association of Philippine Electric Cooperatives (Apec), ERC Chair Manuel Sanchez said that of the 95 electric cooperatives which submitted complete applications, 34 were still subject to further evaluation.

According to the party-list

Apec, the grants for provisional authority would result in rate reductions averaging 23 centavos per kilowatt-hour in Luzon, 13 centavos in the Visayas and 20 centavos in Mindanao.

The rate reductions are a result of the cooperatives' savings due to the writing off of their debts totalling about P17 billion, which were obtained from the National Electrification Administration and other government agencies.

The condonation was mandated under Section 60 of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001.

Of the 61 cooperatives, four

are from Region 1, four from Region 2, eight from Region 4, eight from Region 5, seven from Region 6, four from Region 7, five from Region 8, seven from Region 10, three from Region 11, three from the Cordillera Administrative Region, eight from Caraga, and one from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Data from Apec show that the debt write-off would enable the country's 119 power cooperatives to slash their rates from a low of 0.7 centavo to as high as P1.16 per kWh.

In a telephone interview, Apec

Rep. Ernesto Pablo said the party-list group was satisfied with the ERC's orders.

"I was told that there were four more grants of provisional authority between June 5 and today," Pablo said.

He said Apec was grateful that the ERC gave in to the group's request to be more lax with the requirements and to hasten the implementation of rate decreases.

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Letter from Ron

Conrad,

IN THE INTEREST of maintaining a semblance of professionalism, rather than resorting to "personal counter-attacks" upon you, your principles, your character and your job, as a reporter, I have set out, below, certain "facts" (easily verifiable, I might add) that will enlighten you, if you are interested, at all, in the "truth" about the matters upon which you based your two recent columns that took issue with my interviews with your fellow

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brethren, in the Philippine press.

As background, I simply would point out that the "interviews" that I gave to the Manila Times

and the Business World resulted solely from their contacting me and not vice versa. Indeed, the reporters indicated that they had been attempting to talk to me, without success, since my resignation on 30 April, to ascertain the true story behind that resignation, as their direct contacts with Butch Melly and Butch Jimenez, of PLDT, resulted in their being informed that I had been "sacked" or "fired" (depending upon which Butch was speaking).

To clarify the matters that were covered in my interviews, I note the following, each of which are based upon fact and susceptible to rebuttal, if any were possible, which would have eliminated the need for the "personal" articles that you penned against me:

1. First Pacific's financial situation is such that it has negative cashflows, relying only upon Indofood's dividend (as PLDT does not pay a common dividend), which is insufficient to cover Hong Kong office corporate overheads of salaries and bank loan interest payments—indeed, a shareholder raised a

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3 Months	6.4812	6.4886
6 Months	7.3615	7.3308
1 Year	7.4981	7.4942
2 Years	8.4846	8.4827
3 Years	9.5058	9.5096
4 Years	10.1058	10.1625
5 Years	10.4769	10.4865
7 Years	11.2942	11.3423
10 Years	11.5808	11.5808
20 Years	12.1096	12.1058
25 Years	12.5346	12.5385

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Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	35	35.5	34	35	457,500
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	30.5	32	30.5	32	3,215,300
Philippine National Bank	25.5	26	24.75	25	87,400
Rizal Com. Banking Corp.	11	11	11	11	1,000
Security Bank Corp.	12.25	13	12.25	12.25	333,100
Union Bank of the Phil.	21	21	20	20	87,100
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	1.4	1.4	1.36	1.36	508,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1530	1650	1530	1650	2,190
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	30,000
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1110	1115	1100	1115	2,450
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp	20	21.5	20	20.25	148,800
Digital Telecom Phils Inc	0.78	0.79	0.75	0.78	8,720,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	850	850	840	850	52,580
Ipocore Inc.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	50,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.044	10,100,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.023	0.024	0.023	0.024	17,200,000
Philippine Tel. Corp.	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.38	2,350,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	191,970
Ivantage Corp.	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	150,000
Philweb Corp.	0.013	0.014	0.012	0.014	82,400,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	8.7	9.4	8.7	9.4	1,671,000
Manila Electric Co. B	13.25	15.25	13.25	15.25	7,747,200
Patron Corp.	1.96	2.1	1.96	2.1	64,279,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	537,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.85	976,000
William, Gothong & Aboliz	2.08	2.1	2.08	2.1	65,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.46	0.47	0.46	0.47	640,000
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Republic Glass Hldg. Corp	1.6	1.6	1.52	1.6	240,000
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Alaska Milk Corp.	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	3,000
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RFM Corp.	0.8	0.82	0.78	0.78	220,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	330,000
San Miguel Corp. A	54	54.5	54	54.5	153,800
San Miguel Corp. B	63	63.5	63	63	605,000
Universal Robina Corp.	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	30,000
Warich Corp.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	120,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	5.2	5.3	5	5	8,945,000
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Alo Net Holdings Inc.	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	7,600,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.63	0.63	0.62	0.63	590,000
Aicorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.006	0.006	0.0055	0.0055	6,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	789,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	60,000
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Crown Equities Inc.	0.17	0.2	0.155	0.195	9,230,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.245	0.245	0.235	0.235	1,600,000
Fluinvest Dev. Corp.	1.2	1.32	1.2	1.32	1,181,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	10.25	11.75	10.25	11.75	3,821,500
Global Equities Inc.	0.1	0.115	0.1	0.1	2,970,000
Ionics Inc.	0.9	0.92	0.86	0.86	1,140,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.74	1.84	1.74	1.8	2,649,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. A	0.01	0.01	0.008	0.008	6,000,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	1,000,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.78	0.81	0.78	0.8	8,950,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	300,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.215	0.23	0.215	0.225	10,420,000
Music Corp.	0.4	0.4	0.37	0.4	3,500,000
East Asia Power Res. Corp	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	2,000,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	20,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	330,000
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Interphil Labs Inc. A	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	22,000
Metro Alliance Holdings	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	730,000
Metro Alliance Hldgs B	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	5,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	1.86	1.86	1.88	1.7	508,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	300,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	36,600
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.53	0.56	0.5	0.53	16,790,000
Fairmont Holdings, Inc.	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.38	350,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	20,000
Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc.	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.26	150,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.41	0.41	0.39	0.39	570,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp (Pdr)	20.5	21.5	20	20.75	634,800
Philweb Corp. - Warrants	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	5,000,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6,084,000
Aranea Properties Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	300,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.21	0.22	0.2	0.22	3,750,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.16	0.16	0.145	0.155	3,400,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.21	0.23	0.21	0.225	19,940,000
Fluinvest Land Inc.	1.02	1.08	1.02	1.08	47,761,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.155	0.155	0.12	0.15	9,560,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.185	0.19	0.185	0.19	2,960,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.15	2,480,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	102,000
SM Development Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	65,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6	6.1	5.9	6	18,824,000
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Pacific	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	24,000,000
Vulcano Ind'l	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	300,000

DISCLOSURES

EQUITABLE PCI Bank Inc. disclosed the appointment of Teodoro Regino as director of the bank. Dennis Velasquez was promoted from head of retail banking group to executive vice president.

GLOBAL Equities Inc. announced the resignation of Kenn Francis Ramos and Raymundo Pe as directors. Elected to replace them were Arsenio Cabrera Jr. and Edgardo del Fonso. The joint venture agreement between its subsidiary, Clark Field Medical Services Inc., and the Clark Development Corp. for the development of the 16-hectare hospital property in Clark Special Economic Zone was terminated and canceled. GEI's other subsidiary, Adamson and Adamson Inc., ceased operations due to prevailing adverse local and global economic conditions.

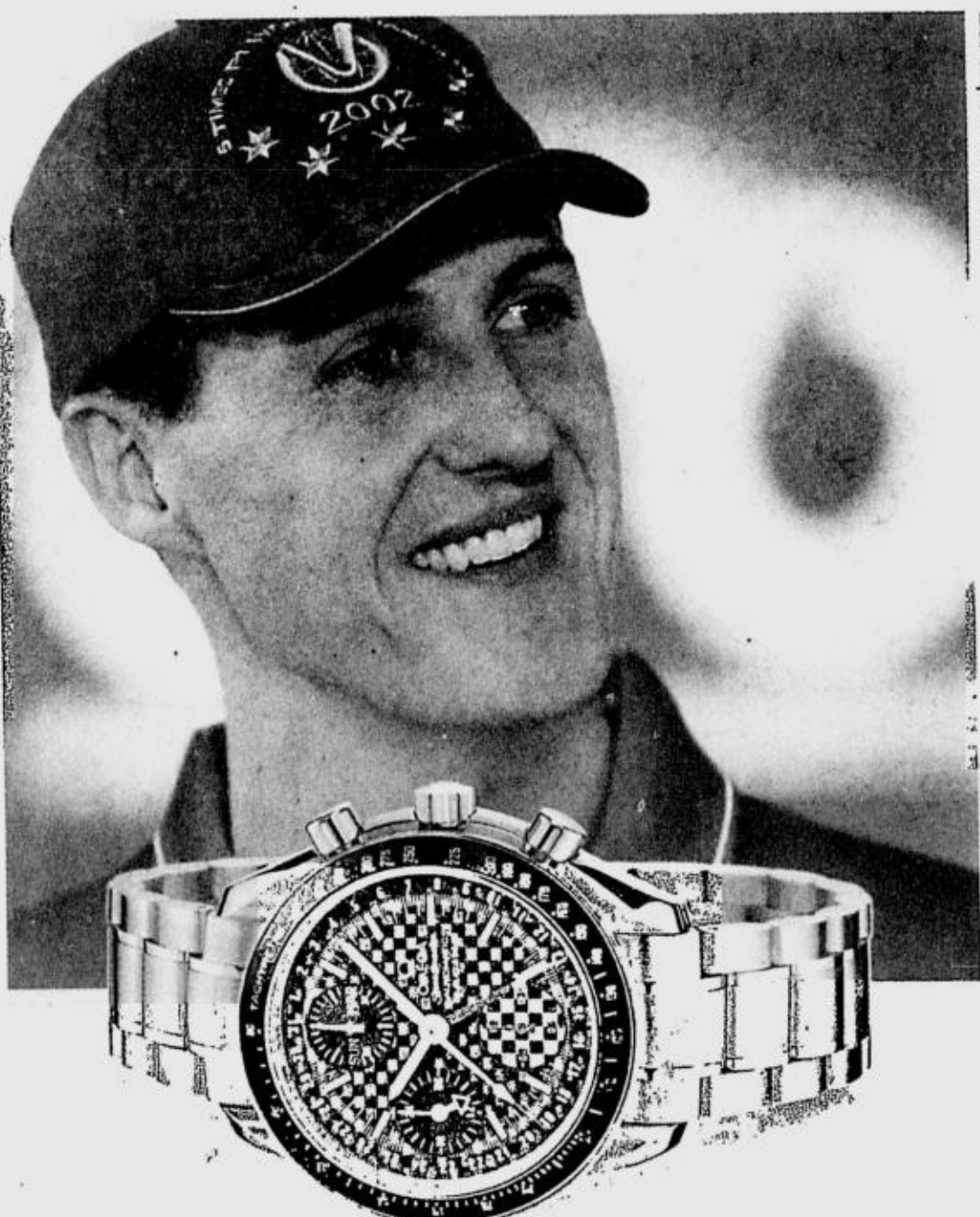
CENTRO Escolar University will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on July 22, 3 p.m. at the CEU boardroom, Mendiola Street, Manila. Stockholders of record as of June 27 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

KUOK Philippine Properties Inc. denied having any information to explain the 50-percent increase in its share price that rose from P0.0775 to P0.1150 per share.

EAST Asia Power Resources Corp. moved its annual stockholders' meeting from June 25 to August 27. Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research

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Bahrain	Dinar	2.261623	2.666453	142.423300
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.225181	0.266667	14.243500
Brunei	Dollar	0.489568	0.577201	30.830000
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000103	0.000122	0.006500
Thailand	Baht	0.020418	0.024073	1.285800
UAE	Dirham	0.230935	0.272272	14.542900
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.179000	62.973900
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GMA wants gross receipts tax on banks restored

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE PRESIDENT has urged Congress to impose anew the gross receipts tax (GRT) on financial transactions to alleviate the plight of borrowers and credit card users burdened by the 10-percent value added tax.

Speaking before members of the Subdivision and Housing Developers Association Inc. (SHDA), President Macapagal-Arroyo said she had already discussed with Congressional leaders the government's position seeking the re-

placement of "VAT on banks with a 5-percent GRT on banks."

The government's decision to back down from the VAT imposition in favor of the return to the GRT system is favored by the majority of consumers who are averse to the additional charges imposed on their housing loans and credit card payments.

The 10 percent VAT was imposed in January by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, under its Revenue Regulation No. 12-2003, on the dealings of banks, non-bank financial intermediaries and fi-

nance companies. The Department of Finance said that only Congress could stop the move.

SHDA national president Jesus B. Atencio said the 10 percent VAT had made home financing more expensive as it increased the monthly amortization of all housing products and services regardless of the borrower's paying capacity. He said it jacked up the possibility of increased housing defaults.

"This has tremendous effect on the developer's ability to continue its commitment to produce units at lower costs and its ability to sus-

tain long-term housing finance."

Ms Macapagal said the elimination of the 10 percent VAT on financial transactions would be a big boost to the country's home-builders.

"I'm holding the industry to its promise to build 200,000 housing units by next year," the President said.

SHDA has so far built only 39,707 units out of the 237,076 units committed for completion from 2002 to 2004.

"We are still confident that with the remaining time available

up to 2004, we can still meet our commitment," Atencio said.

Aside from the GRT, SHDA had also asked the President to look into

the 34 percent decline in development loans extended to subdivision developers to P27.8 billion in 2002 from P42.3 billion in June 2001.

PLDT gets 5.6-B yen loan from 4 banks

By Elena R. Torrijos

PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. was recently granted a Y5.615-billion five-year loan syndicated by four foreign lending institutions.

PLDT said the loan, which will mature in June 2008, would be paid in eight semi-annual installments. Payment starts 18 months after the signing of the loan last June 11.

Out of the Y5.6-billion loan, Societe Generale (Tokyo branch) accounted for Y1.815 billion; UFJ Bank Ltd., Y1.5 billion, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd., P1.15 billion and Citibank N.A., Y1.150 billion.

PLDT did not say what the loans were for but according to reports last April, the loan, guaranteed by Nippon Export and Investment Insurance, was earmarked for capital expenditures.

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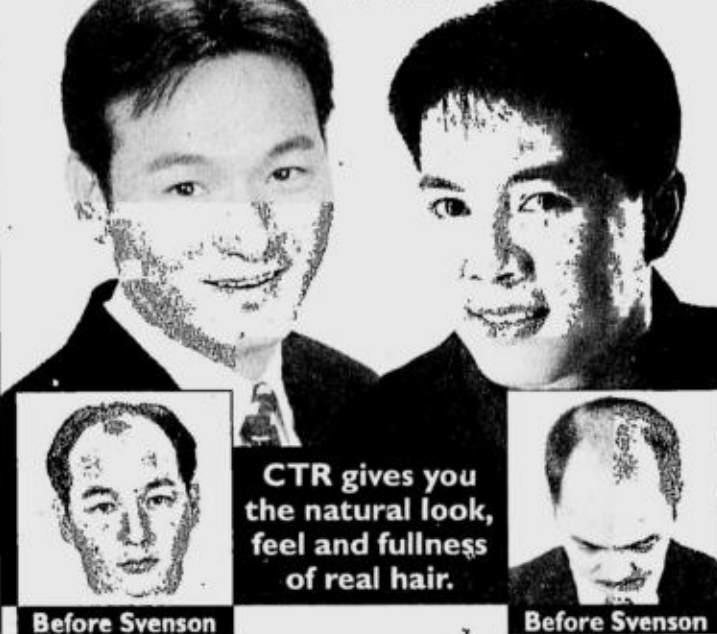
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Loans to SMEs hit P5.5B

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT has released P5.54 billion in loans to more than 16,000 small- and medium-scale enterprises in the first four months under a program aimed at making credit more accessible to this sector, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday.

The government hopes to spur the growth of the SME sector and economy, in general, through the SME Unified Lending Opportunities for National Growth or Sulong, which started early this year.

Sulong targets to release P10 billion in loans for the SME sector by the end of the first semester and P20 billion by the end of the year, said Rick Perez of the DTI's Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corp. in an interview.

He said the Sulong program was a joint effort of various government financial institutions including SB Corp., Land Bank of the Philippines, Develop-

ment Bank of the Philippines, National Livelihood Support Fund, Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corp. and the Philippine Export-Import Credit Agency, which are also members of the Sulong finance committee.

"This (amount of loans) assures our SME sector of the opportunity to expand and improve the domestic supply side for globally competitive industries," said Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel Roxas II in a statement.

Land Bank of the Philippines contributed P3.26 billion under its retail lending mode and P109 million under its wholesale lending mode, while the Development Bank of the Philippines released P589.8 million in wholesale loans and P927 million in retail loans.

SB Corp. extended P181 million in wholesale loans and P203 million in retail loans. It also granted P111 million in loan guarantees. Philexim released P42 million; Quedancor, P90

million, and National Livelihood Support Fund, P30 million.

Apart from the released loan amounts, SB Corp. has allotted P25 million as financial support for the country's market vendors. The amount will be channeled through the National Market Vendors Confederation of Cooperatives (Namvesco), a group of 46 market vendor cooperatives nationwide.

The amount will serve as working capital loans for micro financing and developmental loans for asset acquisition or market expansion, renovation and development.

In the meantime, Roxas called on city and municipal governments to abide by the Barangay Micro Business Enterprises Act of 2002, which extends incentives to registered micro enterprises.

"We are giving them (SMEs) access to financial assistance and we are also institutionalizing the SME development agenda down to the barangay level," said Roxas.

Cement firm embarks on plant expansion

By Elena R. Torrijos

FORTUNE Cement Corp., a unit of Republic Cement Corp., plans to invest in new machinery to raise the capacity of its Batangas plant to 3,000 metric tons of cement a day by 2005 from the current level of 2,000 MT.

In an interview yesterday following the company's annual stockholders' meeting, Fortune Cement chair Rene Sunico said the expansion would amount to a few hundred million pesos.

He said the project would likely be financed through borrowings.

"To be an efficient, major plant you have to be running at a million tons a year," he said.

Fortune Cement last year sold 826,000 MT of cement, an in-

crease of 37 percent from 601,000 MT in 2001.

Total sales increased by only 12 percent due to declining prices that started in the second quarter of 2002.

Sunico projected that there would be no substantial increase in nationwide cement consumption this year and next year because of the government's budget deficit and possible low growth in private construction.

Demand for cement improved 9 percent to 12.9 million MT last year from 11.8 MT the year before.

The slight improvement in demand was supported by the reduction in the volume of imported cement after the government slapped a P20.60-per-bag provisional tariff in 2001.

Illegal refilling hurts Shellane

By Ronnel W. Domingo

PILIPINAS Shell Petroleum Corp. yesterday said it was losing about P500 million a year due to illegal LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) refilling.

Jose Antonio Gonzalez, Shellane domestic sales manager, said in a briefing that the amount represented 1.8 million cylinders usurped by unauthorized refillers.

"This involves 20,000 tons of LPG or 15 percent of Shellane's total volume sold," Gonzales said.

The official said Shellane held a fifth of the country's LPG market.

Shellane asked consumers to buy only from their 15,000 authorized outlets nationwide as they launched Project "Manigurado"—a tri-media information campaign against illegal refilling.

"Illegal refillers take our branded LPG cylinders fill them by unreliable means and pass these on to consumers as legitimate products," said Lawrence Gella, Shellane marketing manager.

Gella said such a practice resulted in the public being cheated of their money. It also poses safety hazards to the public since illegally refilled tanks did not pass quality and leak tests.

In a related development, the energy department is hard-pressed in convincing the Pasig City Regional Trial Court in letting the agency continue the implementation of a circular fining errant traders of liquefied petroleum gas.

Last Dec. 9, Branch 161 of Pasig RTC declared void the Department of Energy's Circular 2000-06-010, saying the DoE went beyond its authority when it introduced through the circular new offenses and imposed higher fines on illegal refillers other than what were provided by existing laws.

In a 31-page motion for reconsideration, the DOE said the court argued that the offenses and fines were indeed listed in Batas Pambansa 33, Presidential Decree 1865 and Republic No. Act 8479.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Food Authority (NFA) XI will be conducting a BIDDING ON THE CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF UREA FERTILIZER IN NFA REGION XI on July 1, 2003 with the following specifications:

TYPE	: PRILLED
NUTRIENT CONTENT (N-P-K)	: 46-0-0
PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	: Crystal White Fine Powder
SIZE OF GRANULES	: 1.0-1.5 mm
PACKAGING	: Packed in standard plastic (Polypropylene) bag. Each bag shall contain fifty (50) kilograms

Bidding and award shall be on a per lot basis with the respective contract quantity and approved budgets as follows:

LOT	PROGRAMMED AREA	QUANTITY(bags)	APPROVED BUDGET
1	Gen. Santos City & Sarangani	852	Php 401,000.00
2	Davao del Sur	3,936	1,968,000.00
3	Davao del Norte	6,208	3,104,000.00
4	Compostela Valley	1,692	846,000.00
5	Davao Oriental	2,782	1,391,000.00
6	Davao City	58	29,000.00
TOTAL		15,478	7,739,000.00

Prospective bidders may opt to bid for one lot only. However, prospective bidders who will opt to bid for more than one (1) lot shall indicate in the bid proposal the bid price for each lot.

The NFA-XI BAC shall determine the eligibility of each prospective bidder by examining the completeness of the eligibility documents using the non-discretionary "PASS/FAIL" criteria. After "passing" the eligibility requirements, the First Bid Envelope containing the Technical requirements, (i.e.: Technical specifications of the fertilizer, bid security, etc) will be opened for examination using the same criteria. Likewise, the Second Bid Envelope containing the Bid Proposal will also be opened after "passing" the Technical requirements contained in the First Bid Envelope.

Only bidders who "passed" the eligibility check, technical and financial requirements as contained in the First and Second Bid Envelopes shall be subjected to post qualification evaluation. At this stage, verification, validation and evaluation of the documents submitted to ascertain the responsiveness of the Lowest Calculated Bid will be determined. Henceforth, the bidder whose Bid is determined to be the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid shall be awarded with the contract for the supply of Urea Fertilizer on a per lot basis.

At least fifty percent (50%) of the quantity of each lot shall be delivered within (7) calendar days from the bidder's receipt of the Notice to Proceed and the duly signed contract to the NFA receiving warehouses. The whole quantity of each lot shall be completely delivered within fifteen (15) calendar days from the bidder's receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Only licensed fertilizer suppliers (i.e. local manufacturers, importers, distributors or dealers of fertilizers) that are likewise included in the list of Licensed Fertilizer Handlers not earlier than May 28, 2003 duly signed and approved by the Fertilizer Pesticides Authority furnished by the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Unit (DA-RFU) to NFA-XI BAC and have paid the non-refundable Bidding Fee of One Thousand Pesos only (Php 1,000.00) shall be allowed to participate in the Pre-Bidding Conference on June 24, 2003 and Bidding proper scheduled on July 1, 2003 to be held at 3rd Floor, Training Center, NFA Building, J. Catolico Ave., General Santos City with the following activities:

1. Dropping of Eligibility Requirements and Bid Envelope - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
2. Opening of Eligibility Requirement and Bid Envelopes - 10:30 a.m.

All other details of the bidding which include the Application Forms, Instruction to Bidders and other bid documents may be obtained from the Secretariat of the NFA-XI Bids and Award Committee (NFA-XI BAC), 2nd Floor, National Food Authority Regional Office, J. Catolico Ave., Gen. Santos City after payment of a non-refundable Bidding Fee in the amount of ONE THOUSAND PESOS Php 1,000.00 on June 20 & 21, 2003 during office hours.

For more particulars, please contact Asst. Regional Director GIL PEPITO B. PAQUEO, Chairman NFA XI- BAC through Tel. No. 083-5545242 or 083-554-3200 Fax No. 083-5526206 or e-mail at nfaxi1ard@mozcom.com

The NFA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, declare a failure of Bidding, or not award the contract in case of violation of the provisions aforesaid in RA 9184.

(Sgd.) ANTONIO R. DELA CRUZ
Regional Manager

(PDI - June 12 & 19, 2003)



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OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION

The City of Malaybalay, Province of Bukidnon is financing the cost of undertaking the Construction of Malaybalay City Water Supply System.

The City Government of Malaybalay as executing local government unit, now invites interested licensed contractors and joint ventures with Category AAA and Classification for Large B - Water Supply, accredited and classified by PCAB and CIAP to submit their Pre-qualification Statements (Pre-C) for the implementation of the above project.

The scope of work shall include the following:

- a. Construction of reinforced concrete ground reservoir with a capacity of 1,600 cu.m. at Brgy. Sumpung;
- b. Installation of about 15.0 km transmission line of sizes ranging from 150 mm to 400 mm diameter including waterway crossings;
- c. Construction of a treatment plant at Kimabong, Brgy. Sumpung;
- d. Construction of a diversion dam and intake structure at Kibalabag Creek;
- e. Installation of valves, interconnections, pipe appurtenances and all related miscellaneous civil works.

A complete set of Pre-qualification statements (Pre-C) forms may be obtained by interested contractors and joint ventures from the PBAC through a written application address to the undersigned and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00. Request submitted by mail should include a Manager's/Cashier's check in the amount of currency indicated above in favor of the City of Malaybalay. The City of Malaybalay will promptly mail the documents through LBC / ABOITIZ, but under no circumstances can it be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents mailed to the applicant.

Interested contractors may obtain further information at the PBAC, City Hall Compound, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon, Philippines, or call (088) 221-4947, look for ENGR. BENITO O. LUGTU / TOMAS Y. TAGA, Project Manager.

Completed Pre-C Forms must likewise be submitted to PBAC Secretariat on or before July 18, 2003 at office hours (before 5:00 PM). Documents submitted / received late will not be considered and will be returned unopened. All applicant contractors will be notified in writing on the status of the Pre-C evaluation. Only pre-qualified contractors will be issued contract documents. Bidding date will be announced later.

The City of Malaybalay reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor informality in the bids received, and to award the contract to the bidder whose bid, as evaluated by PBAC, is the most advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) HON. FLORENCIO T. FLORES, JR.
City Mayor / PBAC Chairman

(PDI - June 19, 2003)

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MATRIMONIAL CAUSES RULES IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE HONGKONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION MATRIMONIAL CAUSES NO. 12786 OF 2002

BETWEEN

ROSALIND D. RIVERA Petitioner
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And

JAIME P. JARO Respondent

A DIVORCE PETITION HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST THE UNDER-MENTIONED JAIME P. JARO late of Talavera, Pag-asa District, Nueva Ecija, Philippines who may apply at the Family Court Registry at M2 Wanchai Law Court, No.12 Harbour Road, Hong Kong for a copy of the Petition. If within one month he has not communicated with the Registry, the Court may hear the case in his absence.

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(PDI - June 19, 2003)



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS
LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
East Avenue, Quezon City

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The LTO Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) is inviting all reputable Contractors to Pre-qualify and bid for CY 2003 Security Services covering the months of July 16 to December 31, 2003.

Prospective bidders are required to submit the following pre-qualification requirements to the Office of the Chairman, BAC, Sub-Committee, Property Section on or before June 25, 2003:

1. Name, address and telephone number of Company;
2. Registration Papers and Certificate of Accreditation from DTI;
3. Mayor's permit and/or license to operate for the current year;
4. 2001 and 2002 Financial Statement;
5. SEC Articles of Incorporation. In case of Single Proprietorship, Registration Papers from DTI;
6. Certified True Copy of 2001 and 2002 Income Tax Return and BIR Official Receipt of Payment;
7. Track Record. List of Clients for at least three (3) years;
8. BIR VAT Certificate;
9. License to operate from PNP Security Agencies and Guards Supervision Division (PNP-SAGSD);
10. A bidder should not have any interest/ownership with other companies/supplier and therefore must submit only one (1) bid. Sister companies will be disqualified in the bidding proper.

Pre-bidding conference will be on June 27, 2003 and bidding proper will be on July 4, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the LTO Library, East Avenue, Quezon City.

The LTO neither assumes any obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of their bid nor does it guarantee that award will be made.

The LTO reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, ban any bidder with unsatisfactory and derogatory track record and former providers of security services to LTO are disqualified from participating in this bidding process. LTO may award the security services to any contractor whose proposal as evaluated by the LTO-BAC is most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) ATTY. PERCIVAL A. CENDAÑA
BAC, Chairman

(PDI - June 19, 2003)



HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Pag-IBIG Fund invites all Interested Consulting Firms to apply for eligibility and to participate in the bidding for Project Management Services for the Cagayan De Oro Regional Office Building located at J.R. Borja St., Cagayan De Oro City.

The Project Management Services required has an expected contract duration of 44 weeks. The services will be funded by Pag-IBIG Fund in the amount of P3,514,140.00.

Prospective bidders will be checked on their eligibility requirements, submitted bids will be examined, evaluated and post-qualification of bidders will be conducted.

Eligibility requirements and bidding forms will be made available for issuance to prospective applicants/bidders starting June 12, 2003 by the BAC-CS Secretariat located at Pag-IBIG Fund Corporate Headquarters, Room 704, 7th Floor, Atrium of Makati Condominium, Makati Avenue, Makati City upon payment of a non-refundable amount of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) and presentation of the corresponding Official Receipt as proof of payment. For more information on the availability of the eligibility requirements and bidding forms, you may visit and/or contact the HDMF BAC-CS Secretariat at telephone number 8114401 local 302 and/or access our website at <http://www.pag-ibig-fund.com>.

A pre-bid conference will be held on June 27, 2003, 2:00 p.m. at the Pag-IBIG Fund Corporate Headquarters, Room 602, 6th Floor, Atrium of Makati Condominium, Makati Avenue, Makati City.

Deadline for the submission of accomplished eligibility forms and bidding documents shall be on July 14, 2003, 2:00 p.m. at the Pag-IBIG Fund Corporate Headquarters, Room 602, 6th Floor, Atrium of Makati Condominium, Makati Avenue, Makati City. All documents must be addressed to the undersigned.

Pag-IBIG Fund reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof, waive any defect or informality contained therein and to accept the bid most advantageous to the Fund.

(Sgd.) MS. TESSIE M. GONZALES
Senior Vice President - Operations Group
Chairperson
Bids & Awards Committee-Consulting Services

(PDI - June 12 & 19, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Palawan
Municipality of Taytay
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Municipality of Taytay, Province of Palawan invites all interested contractors, Category "Medium Sub-Class B" to pre-qualify and to bid for the Construction of Public Market two-storey building with dimension of 20.00 m. x 31.75 m., having a ground floor area of 634 sq.m. and second floor area of 634 sq.m.

Approved Budget for the contract to be bid is P16,000,000.00.

Application for pre-qualification shall be evaluated using "PASS/FAIL" criteria and only qualified bidders shall be invited in the bidding. All bids equal to or lower than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be evaluated based on the responsiveness of the contractor's offer. Bid Prices submitted higher than the Approved Budget for the contract to be Bid shall be rejected and returned outright.

Interested Contractors shall submit pre-qualification documents to the MPBAC Secretariat on or before 3:00 p.m. of July 1, 2003.

Pre-bid conference will be on July 9, 2003 at 10 o'clock AM at the Office of the Municipal Mayor. Submission and opening of bids will be announced thereafter.

Bidding Documents can be secured from MPBAC Secretariat/Planning and Engineering Office upon payment of non-refundable fee of Php5,000.00.

The municipality reserves the right to reject any application for Pre-qualification of all bids or request for registration without offering any reasons, waive minor informality in the bids required, and to award the contract to the bidder whose proposal, as evaluated by MPBAC, is the most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) ROBERTO V. RODRIGUEZ
Municipal Mayor

(PDI - June 19, 24 & 27, 2003)



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

21 April 2003
MEMORANDUM ORDER
No. 21
Series of 2003

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES IN THE COLLECTION OF FEES ON IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture - National Meat Inspection Commission (DA-NMIC) is mandated to protect the safety and health of the meat consuming public;

WHEREAS, the DA can collect, levy fees on imported meat and meat products, by virtue of Article 17 (d) of RA 7394 otherwise known as "Consumer Act of the Philippines";

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 197 dated January 13, 2000 and Executive Order No. 218 dated March 15, 2000 emphasize the need to make the direct recipients of government services share the burden incurred by the government instead of the full cost being borne by the taxpayer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR., Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby issue this Order governing the collection of fees on imported meat and meat products, as follows:

- A. IMPORTERS
1. That the Importer shall accomplish DA-NMIC Request Form for Inspection and Sampling of Imported Meat and Meat Product and Meat Products which is available at the Veterinary Quarantine office upon arrival of their products at the said ports.
Duly accomplished form shall be submitted/forwarded immediately to the NMIC Central Office Fax No. (02) 924-7975.
2. That the Importer shall pay/titlle their accounts immediately to NMIC prior to the release of their products at the ports of entry.

- B. DA-NMIC
1. That the DA-NMIC shall issue Imported Meat Inspection Clearance (IMIC) only when imported meat and meat products have been inspected and fees have been paid prior to release for domestic use;
2. That the DA-NMIC shall collect, levy fees at P0.30/kg. on imported meat and meat products from all meat importers.

This Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

(Sgd.) LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.
Secretary

Recommended by:
(Sgd.) EFREN C. NUESTRO
Executive Director, NMIC

(PDI - June 19, 2003)

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INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION TO BID

Procurement/Purchase of Fishing Nets and Accessories Intended for Gill Nets and Engine with the following specifications:

I. Gill Nets

A. Bottom Set Gill Net (converted to Surface Gill Net)

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- ◆ 801,000 pcs. Radial Floats R-1L
- ◆ 400 boxes, Sinkers # xx
- ◆ 1,500 kgs. float line; # 120 monoline
- ◆ 250 kgs. sinker line; # 40 monoline
- ◆ 2,200 pcs. Netting needle

B. Tuna Drift Gill Net

- ◆ 100 rolls PA mononet; 0.40 x 4k x 50 MD x 1,000 m/roll
- ◆ 500 coils PE Rope # 12 ENT
- ◆ 500 coils PE Rope # 6 ENT
- ◆ 70,000 pcs. Rubber float (R-16)
- ◆ 2,000 kgs. Sinker (#2)
- ◆ 2,000 pcs. Netting needle
- ◆ 400 Spools monoline # 4

II. 58-units B&S Engine; 16 H.P. with complete accessories

The following pertinent documents are necessary for the pre-qualification as a whole sale dealer for the above mentioned item:

1. Business Permit
2. List of Available Fishing Materials, Engine and Accessories
3. Company Profile
4. Registration
5. Security Bond

The office reserves the right to refuse or waive any offer or quotation which do not conform to the specifications mentioned above.

Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
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(PDI - June 19, 20 & 21, 2003)



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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY, PREQUALIFICATION AND TO BID

PNO Exploration Corporation (PNO EC) invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility/prequalification and to submit sealed bids for the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) for Batangas to Manila Gas Pipeline (PMO3-556).

The approved budget for this contract is Php5,000,000.00.

Only contractors who will comply with PNO EC's eligibility and prequalification requirements shall be allowed to participate in the public bidding.

Prequalification and Tender Documents shall be available for issuance at the above address from the Operations Services Group (c/o Mr. George N. Alejandro and Mr. Emmanuel A. Ababol) from June 20 to 30, 2003, upon presentation of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PESOS: Five Hundred (PHP500.00).

Sealed bids in two (2) sets shall be received by Contracts Administration not later than 3:00 P.M. of July 4, 2003 at PNO EC Conference Room Bldg. 1 of the above address and then publicly opened at 3:15 P.M. of the same date.

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on June 30, 2003, 2:00 P.M. at the PNO Mini Theatre, 7th Floor, Bldg. 5, Energy Center, Merrill Road, Ft. Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila.

The public bidding shall incorporate the electronic bid submission, using the ITBF system.

PNO EC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, or to accept such bids or to award any part thereof to any bidder/s whose bid/s is/ are considered most advantageous to PNO EC.

This supersedes the Invitation to Apply for Eligibility, Prequalification and to Bid for the same project (PMO3-556) that was previously issued and published by PNO EC. Contractors who are already prequalified shall no longer be required to submit prequalification and/or eligibility requirements.

This publication is also posted at DBM Website: www.procurementservices.net.

(Sgd.) RUFINO B. BOMASANG
President and CEO

(PDI - June 19, 2003)



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

21 April 2003
MEMORANDUM ORDER
No. 20
Series of 2003

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF AO 6, SERIES OF 2000

WHEREAS, National Meat Inspection Commission (NMIC) is mandated to protect the safety and health of the meat consuming public;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) can collect, levy fees on imported meat and meat products, by virtue of Article 17 (d) of RA 7394 otherwise known as "Consumer Act of the Philippines";

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 197 dated January 13, 2000 and Executive Order No. 218 dated March 15, 2000 emphasize the need to make the direct recipients of government services share the burden incurred by the government instead of the full cost being borne by the taxpayer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR., Secretary of Agriculture, by the power vested on me, do hereby issue this Order lifting the suspension of the collection of fees on imported meat and meat products and thereby direct the DA-National Meat Inspection Commission to immediately implement of the same.

The NMIC shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of this Order. This Order shall take immediately seven (7) days after publication in one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

(Sgd.) LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.
Secretary

(PDI - June 19, 2003)

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In Loving Memory

ON THE TENTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF

VICENTA BATALLONES BAYANGOS

who joined her Creator on 19 June 1993

Holy Masses will be offered today, Thursday, 19 June 2003 at the following:

Our Lady of Loreto Church, Sampaloc, Manila 6:00 AM
 St. Anthony's Shrine, Sampaloc, Manila 6:15 AM
 St. Jude Archdiocesan Shrine, J.P. Laurel, San Miguel, Manila 6:00 AM
 Mary Help of Christian Shrine, Better Living, Parañaque City 6:00 AM
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 National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Kanlaon, Quezon City 6:00 AM
 Santísimo Rosario Parish, Sampaloc, Manila 6:00 AM
 Sto. Niño de Paz Chapel, Greenbelt, Makati 7:15 AM

Her husband Rogelio; her children Grace and Ricky Sanchez; Veronica Bayangos; Ruby and Sixto Vibandor; Mary Joyce and Arthur Joseph Mariano; Atty. Elizabeth Bayangos; and Roderick and Carina Mylene Bayangos; and grandchildren Severino Miguel and Jose Emmanuel Sanchez; Katrina Aurea and Emmanuel Sixto Vibandor; Clarisse Marjorie and Cynrid Micah Mariano; and Renz Steven and Therese Zaira Marie Bayangos; relatives and friends, request the pious readers to remember "SINTANG" in their prayers.

In loving memory of the late

Alfonso Juan Olondriz y Hino

who joined our Creator last

June 9, 2003 at the age of 68,

we the family wish to thank all friends
 and relatives for their prayers
 and loving support.

On the First Death Anniversary of

BGEN. ARSENIO L. TECSON

June 19, 2002

His loving family MABEL, JP & ABEL
 would like to express their sincerest gratitude
 for the prayers & support extended during
 their time of grief.

FRANCISCA PEREZ JOSE

Peacefully joined our LORD on
 June 13, 2003 at the age of 92.

She was survived by her siblings Belen &
 Dr. Hilario Nudas, Ramon & Josefina,
 Adelaida & Reynaldo Rosales, Armando &
 Nory; daughter-in-law Inday; grandchildren
 and other relatives request the pious readers to
 pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Chapel I, Loyola
 Memorial Chapels, Inc., Guadalupe, Makati
 City.

Interment will be on Saturday, June 21,
 2003 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina
 City.

NORBERTO MAGBANUA
MINGAO, SR.

Died in the Grace of the Lord at the Angono Medics
 Hospital at the age of 69.

His bereaved wife Lilia and children John, Ferdinand,
 Arnold, Blesilda, Frederick, Edgardo and Norberto, Jr.,
 grandchildren & relatives request the pious reader to pray for
 the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the Mingao residence #430 St., San
 Martin Subd., Angono, Rizal.

Interment will be at the Holy Gardens Memorial Park,
 Angono, Rizal on Saturday, June 21, 2003 after the 1:00 p.m.
 Mass at St. Martin Chapel.

SECOND DEATH ANNIVERSARY

We remember today
 our beloved mother and kind friend,

ESPERANZA P. ALVENDIA

who passed on to her reward of
 everlasting joy and peace on June 19, 2001.

We, her family and friends,
 request the kind reader for masses and
 prayers in her loving memory.

CENONA RAMOS SINDIONG

(April 12, 1921 - June 17, 2003)
 of Moonwalk Village, Parañaque City and Balayan, Batangas

Her bereaved husband Agerico; her children Cecilia & Ruben J. Santos, Jose &
 Maripol Betia, Antonio & Maribeth Santlago, Seneca & Joseph Ferris, Lilia & Marlon
 Valera; her grandchildren Jamie, Angela, A.J. Nikki, Marco, Awee, Miguel, Nantarre,
 Mico, Katrina and Andrea, request a prayer for her eternal rest.

The body lies in state at St. John Chapel, Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat Road,
 Parañaque City.

Interment at Manila Memorial Park, Sucat Road, Parañaque City, on Sunday 10:00 AM,
 June 22, 2003.

Atty. Alfred 'Fred' Juntilla y Luengo

loving husband, father, brother, friend & former OIC Mayor
 of Las Piñas (1986) went home to our Heavenly Father on
 June 16, 2003. He was born in Maco, Davao on April 6, 1945.

His wife Tessie, daughter Mitzi, siblings, in-laws,
 relatives & friends request the pious readers
 to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel (HTMC)
 Sucat, Parañaque. Interment will be on Saturday, June 21, 2003 at the
 Manila Memorial Park-Parañaque after the Holy Mass at 8:00 AM.

"Let the words of my mouth meet your Favor, keep the thoughts of
 my heart before you, Lord, my rock, my redeemer..."
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Breaktime

From page B2

question about these very cashflows, at the First Pacific AGM, on Monday, June 2;

2. Anthoni Salim's desire to sell down a part only of PLDT and Fort Boni to Gokongwei reflected the fact that he didn't wish to sell all because he, like the rest of the 10-person First Pacific board, of which I was one of five executive directors, in addition to being both general counsel and corporate secretary, believed in the long-term value of PLDT and wished to retain an 8-percent interest, with two board seats to realize that value;

3. Anthoni explained this to Manny (Pangilinan), in early April 2002, and asked Manny to head the transaction team as well as asked for the First Pacific board to approve the deal, which it did, on June 3, by an overwhelming vote in favor, notwithstanding the deal ultimately did not go through because of Manny's opposition;

4. At Anthoni's suggestion, the board appointed both Michael Healy and me to a committee to pursue the transaction, which we did in our capacities as directors carrying out the board's mandate, while being under continual instructions of Anthoni to do so, notwithstanding that we had advised him, several times, that without Manny's support, there would be no deal;

5. I specifically noted in my interview that "First Pacific

acknowledged PLDT's potential profitability, which has been impressive, recently, and the operational turnaround under Manny's direction, which has been successful," a comment that I have difficulty reconciling with your claims that I "badmouthed" PLDT and Manny or have nothing but "loathing" for them;

6. PLDT's ability to pay a significant common stock dividend before 2005 is based upon public information gleaned from various PLDT filings, a fact to which the most obvious rebuttal would be for PLDT to commit publicly to paying such common stock dividend before 2005—there's an old saying, "put your money where your mouth is" that is apropos in this case;

7. Given the financial reality that is facing First Pacific, it is a fact that Manny's challenge, as the CEO, is to convince First Pacific's shareholders that it can be a viable company, in the long-term, by detailing the specific goals, implementation steps and concrete timetable to achieve those goals—indeed, the same First Pacific shareholder, as in paragraph 1 (above), raised this question at the AGM;

8. That I did not believe in the proposed new First Pacific strategy, which was drafted initially, by only Manny and Ed Tortorici, given First Pacific's current status as a "passive" holding company, is a statement of fact to which I am entitled, although I recognize

that others may differ;

9. Because First Pacific, under Manny's own strategic plan, will be a "passive" investment company, for the next few years, the question of "why First Pacific" should continue to exist as an entity is a valid one, in light of its original purpose to be an "active" investment and management company that adds value to its investments for its shareholders;

10. As Manny's strategy focuses upon the operational successes of both PLDT and Indofood, each of which has its own extremely competent and professional staff, it also is a fact that First Pacific management could become superfluous to those successes.

As for your two articles, in the interest of distinguishing "true fact" from your "fiction," I note the following:

1. PLDT's current share price is P465 (at an exchange rate of P53:\$1), while First Pacific paid P1,473 per share, in 1998, at an exchange rate of P38:\$1, and Gokongwei offered P1,130 per share, in 2002, which was a substantial premium over the then market price of about P500 (ironically, if you truly believe that I am "badmouthing" PLDT and causing its share price to rise higher, then I should continue doing so, to the delight of all of the other PLDT shareholders, who I suspect would love to see a much higher share price than now exists, albeit a 40-percent increase over last year's lows);

2. As for your claims that I was given to "dire foreboding about" PLDT, I've already noted (paragraph 5, above) that I acknowledged PLDT's improved profitability and operational performance, both under Manny's management;

3. I neither said nor implied that PLDT was a "problem" company but only that it was not the correct investment for First Pacific, at a time when First Pacific had little cash and was facing significant debt repayment, in 2002—every investor must reassess its portfolio and sometimes part with good assets because they simply do not fit, at a particular point in time (e.g., First Pacific has sold a HK bank, a US bank, a Dutch trading company, a Thai trading company, a HK cellular company, etc., none of the sales meaning that the companies were "problem" companies but only not appropriate for First Pacific's portfolio, at the time when sold);

4. As for stabilizing share price, First Pacific is at HK\$1.29, now, but was as high as HK\$1.89, after announcing the Gokongwei deal, in June 2002, and with all analysts following First Pacific predicting a HK\$2.20 share price, if the deal were concluded—today's share price, albeit 90 percent above recent lows, still is at a 45-percent discount to underlying NAV, which gap will not close if First Pacific cannot "add value" for investors, which is unlikely as a "passive" investment company, under Manny's own strategy;

5. Concerning your comment on my Hong Kong location, I fail to see the point that you were trying to make, given the reality of Manila's SARS quarantine rules and modern telecommunications advances that enable people to carry on long distance conversations via telephone—indeed, as a demonstration of the modern advances at PLDT, Manny, in his First Pacific CEO capacity, conducted a video conference, from Manila, with his First Pacific HK office staff, a few weeks ago;

6. If you think no one should take my comments seriously, why did you take up two lengthy columns to attack me, unless, there is concern with the truth being told to the public;

7. As for my using a "PR girl" and your query about whom is paying for my interviews, I'm not supported by anyone or any company, and have allowed myself to be quoted in the press versus your having an anonymous benefactor (corporate monthly retainer, perhaps) support your "poison pen" column against me;

8. Concerning "principles," your talking to purported "First Pacific insiders" on my severance package is evidence that First Pacific directors and officers are not complying with standard "principles" of proper corporate governance or with Hong Kong's Privacy Ordinance on employment matters, particularly, in comparison to my not divulging, publicly, the sensitive details of any former fellow directors' employment, compensation or other "sensitive" arrangements that I have gleaned from my 17 years serving as First Pacific's general counsel and corporate secretary;

9. In comparison to your accusing me of "taking the money and running/ranting," perhaps you should consider Manny's receiving his own large salary, benefits and bonuses from his employer, First Pacific (owned by Anthoni Salim), yet still opposing such employer's wishes to cooperate in the sales of PLDT/Fort Boni to John Gokongwei, albeit as a matter of "principle" and "good corporate governance," leading you also to expect that "he should feel a little shame in getting the money;"

10. In response to your attacks upon my professional abilities, in my executive director, general counsel and corporate secretary roles, I don't know from whom you obtained your "inside" information but you might wish to compare notes with PLDT's own Butch Jimenez, who described me, in today's Manila newspapers, as being a "crucial" member of the First Pacific management team, over the years;

11. Lastly, in reply to your comment upon my "shedding legal darkness on business issues" during the Gokongwei deal, I can assure you that nothing I have been alleged to have done can compare to other matters currently kept in the "darkness" by other senior executives at First Pacific.

No doubt, I have written more than you wanted or needed to know; however, it was important to put everything that has gone on, these past few days, into its proper stark perspective. I trust that I have done so while also maintaining "professional" courtesy toward you, as a columnist, despite your less than favorable personal comments about me.

In the final analysis, what has happened is akin to the story of "The Emperor's New Clothes." Currently, Manny has a coterie of loyal followers who continue to tell him how beautiful his new clothes are, notwithstanding that there are none but simply are the same old wardrobe being recast as new.

On the other hand, I am seen as having broken ranks because I have chosen to tell him that, indeed, he has no new clothes at all. As a result, he and his circle of loyalists have designated you to "fight their battle" behind the scenes and lead a chorus of voices to shout me down and to toss brick-a-bats at me, in a misguided attempt to keep the truth from being told.

As Manny has said, on previous occasions, "perception is reality." In that context, my perception is that he has engaged, through his PLDT media people, in a media campaign to refurbish his image—which is fine with me and, indeed, his prerogative.

Nonetheless, my perception also is that his image is being refurbished, at my personal expense, and I will not sit idly by and allow it to continue. If there is a looming "personal" battle, on the horizon, then I'm more than prepared for it, albeit that I may not have the same resources or manpower at my disposal.

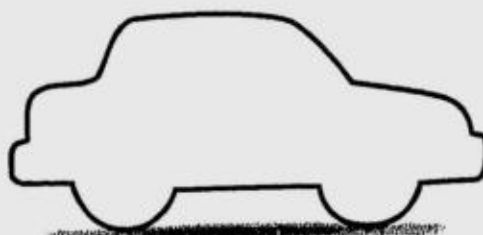
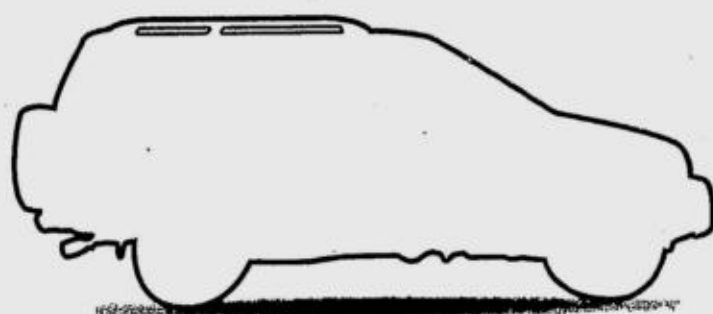
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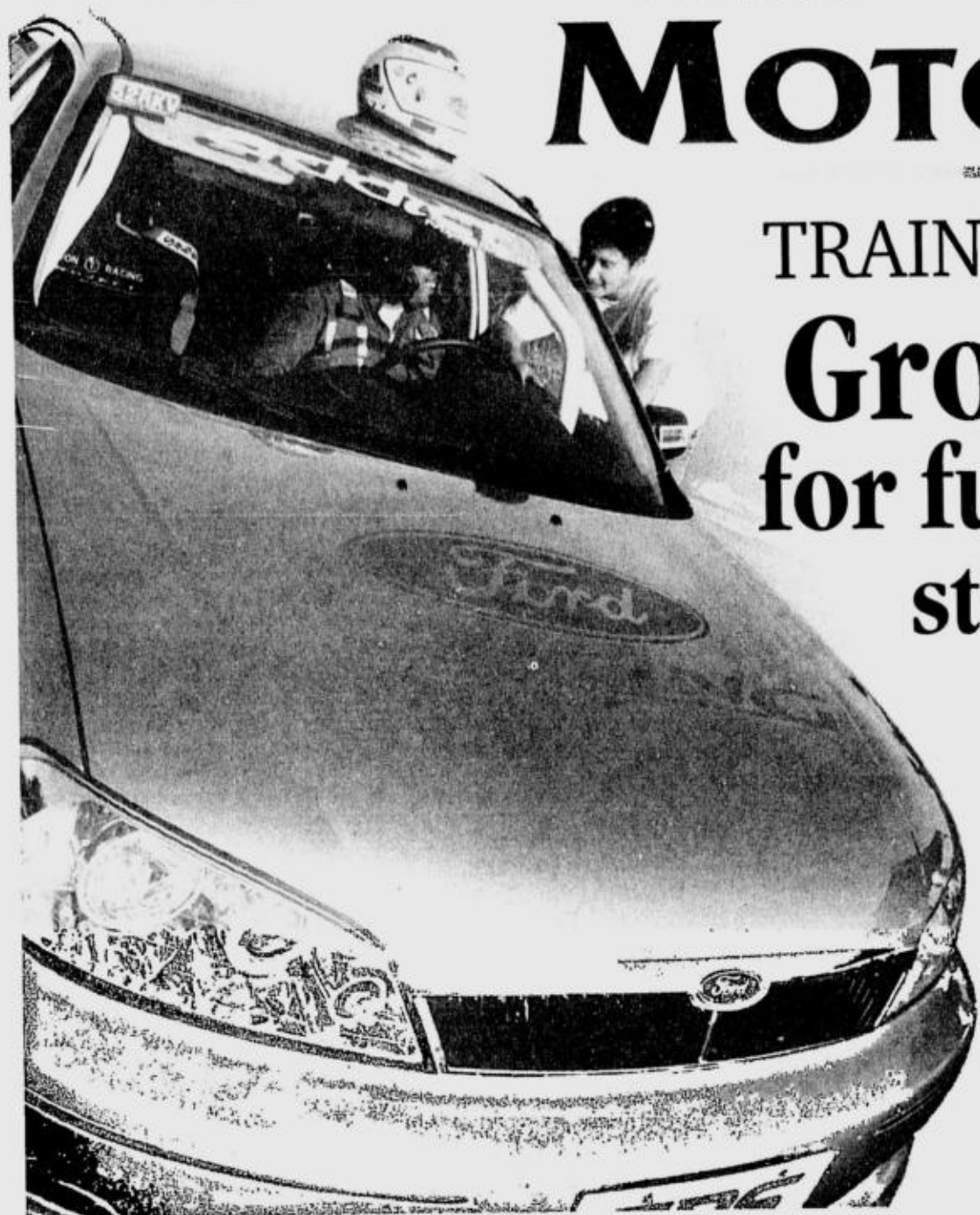
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TRAINING R.P. RACERS Groundwork for future drivers starts with the joystick



PREPPING up for the big event: the Ford Lynx Cup

Text and photos by Tessa R. Salazar

HOW do you give young Filipinos a chance to become F1 drivers? Put them in the car, and put the car on the circuit. At least, that's how the Tuason Racing School—one of the few racing schools in the country—puts it.

Venturing into car racing normally requires an aspiring driver to produce P1.5 million for the cost of the car, running costs and setting it up.

The Tuason Racing School found a cheaper alternative for gifted Filipino racers who don't necessarily have the budget. One winning driver for the Top Driver Challenge's five rounds will have a P150,000-scholarship training good for one racing season, and a chance to compete at the TRS Ford Lynx Cup.

Its Top Driver Challenge search starts with the first round of a computer gaming competition at the Glorietta's Timezone. Accompanying that would be a time trial, written examination and a battery of tests and instructors' evaluation.

The second and third rounds will be done via two kart racing competitions. Winners of the fourth round (track day) will qualify for

the fifth round (basic and advance courses). They will get a chance to use the Ford Lynx (Fourth to fifth rounds normally cost P11,000 or more for nonscholars).

Out of the 140 drivers who competed for five rounds for the scholarship, only seven were left.

TRS is managed by F3 driver and karting champion JP Tuason, his wife Janet and a host of racing instructors.

The finale of all the events would be the TRS Ford Lynx Cup.

Popularizing motorsports

"We hold the competition every year because we want to popularize motor sports, bring it down from being elitist to a la Efrén Reyes' billiards," envisions JP. He was at the BRC on June 7 with instructors training 20 aspiring racing students.

Janet says that in the Philippines, racing is not regarded as a career path but merely as a hobby.

Given more time to train, young local drivers today would have enough to go straight to Formula 1 racing, says Janet.

"In the next few years, we might develop an F1 driver here," she predicts.

Pia Boren, a 21-year-old car racer, says the TRS project would be the "cheapest alternative."

Car racers believe that racing in circuits would

Given more time to train, young local drivers today would have enough to go straight to Formula 1 racing

produce more responsible drivers on the road.

"After the race you're just so burnt out you don't want to race with anyone in the streets. You'll tread the roads knowing that you're sharing them with other motorists who are not as skilled," says Pia.

"One thing racing will teach you is how to control the car," says Mike Yap, a TRS racing instructor. He had been racing for two years before he started teaching.

Says Mike: "The first year I raced I was a back marker, a last placer. By the second year, I was champion of the series. That's how effective enrolling in a racing school is."

Concern for safety

TRS has its share of bull-headed students. JP recounts he had to expel a 16-year-old lass who was hopelessly reckless and a speed freak. "She actually ran over the foot of a race marshal on Roxas Boulevard," he says.

"We're not afraid of kicking people out because safety is our biggest concern, so people would view motor sports as something positive," he adds.

TRS also clarifies many myths about driving. For instance, JP says students don't realize that in racing, drivers have to apply brakes

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JP POSES with another racing instructor



PIA talks with mentor—racing champ JP Tuason at the BRC

Racing is her world

Text and photo by Tessa R. Salazar

CAR racing is not yet considered a career path in this country, but for Pia Boren it is her world. Racing, says the 21-year-old lass of Finnish and Filipino ancestry, is her "calling in life."

She was 18 when her buddies invited her to watch a movie but they ended up bringing her to a karting circuit in Alabang instead. They found themselves sitting in a "small skeletal thingie," which she then described as the go-kart.

Passion for karting

She found her passion the moment she stepped inside the go-kart and drove. Since then karting and Pia were inseparable. She even karded every day.

One year of kart racing can cost P250,000 and over. Pia began to worry about finances and how to break the news to her mom, Mila, and her dad, Eero, that she actually spent much of her time at the races.

Pia and her friends raced so frequently and finished in the leader boards consistently that Philip Alvendia, team manager of Kart 1, a former racing team in Carmona, asked them to race professionally. Alvendia helped them get their racing license.

And when she broke the news to her mom, Pia was allowed to race, on condition that she would have to find a way to support herself. At that time, the Borens owned a hotel near the circuit and Pia arranged an ex-deal with racing organizers. Her team stayed in the hotel and Pia could race for free.

There were two other females racing

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Elusive Cayenne

Text and photo
by Charles E. Buban

Do you know why there's not one Porsche Cayenne on display at PGA Cars on Edsa, Mandaluyong City? And if you would be lucky enough to see one, it definitely has an owner and is being prepared for delivery?

According to the sole importer and distributor here in the Philippines, Cayenne buyers wouldn't let their prized purchase stay too long in the dealership.

This first attempt of sports car-maker Porsche in the profitable yet small luxury sports utility segment, is selling excellently.

"In fact, all the 17 units we shipped in recently were pre-ordered and were all gone—even the display unit was bought, too," says PGA Cars general manager Spencer Yu. "They just can't wait to get their hands on the Cayenne."

Formal launch

So when PGA formally introduced the Cayenne before the motoring media, it had to ask one of its buyers to lend his silver Cayenne Turbo for just one afternoon so the guests won't be imagining the SUV themselves.



PORSCHE Cayenne, up close and personal

Indeed, Cayenne buyers have a reason to be selfish. Named after the spicy pepper, Cayenne is a 5-passenger, all-wheel-drive off-roader that carries the tradition of its sports car brethren—the Boxters, the Carreras and the 911s.

The Cayenne S can achieve a sports car-like acceleration of zero to 100 kph in 7.2 seconds while the Cayenne Turbo (twin-turbocharged version) has an even quicker 5.6 seconds, according to Yu.

"Both are powered by a 4.5-liter V8s engine. The S models have 340 horsepower and 310 pound-feet of torque while the Turbo sends a powerful 450 horsepower and 460 lb-ft of torque," says Yu.

Top speed is listed at 242 kph for the S, 258 kph for the Turbo. According to one owner we asked, the fastest he could courageously muster is 190 kph despite the engine's cry for more (there are very few roads here that could possibly allow such a speed test, so we trust Cayenne engineers about their claim).

Fast wheels, big brakes

And with this speed, Porsche installed big wheels and brakes to handle the Cayenne's considerable power: 18-inch wheels are standard on both versions and to ensure quick braking ability, the front disks measure 13.8 inches in diameter and have six-piston calipers.

The standard S model comes

with leather seating, power seats, trip computer and a 350-watt, 14-speaker audio system.

In addition to more power, the Turbo also comes with more technical and luxury features. These include an automatic ride height adjustment, active/adjustable suspension, bi-HID headlights, a navigation system, heated front and rear seats, sonar parking assist, power adjustment for the steering wheel and aluminum accents for the cabin.

Perhaps, the crowning glory for this SUV is in its air suspension (standard on the Turbo; optional on the S). "This suspension is so intelligent it adjust to your speed to give its rider the most stable ride possible," concludes Yu.

Opel Astra: An owner's report

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza



and a six-year anti-rust warranty.

8 loudspeakers

The 2000 model Astra I bought came with a radio-cassette player that I traded in for an AC Delco single in-dash CD player/radio when this became available with the 2001 model. I only had to add P8,000 cash for the CD player. The trade-in was worth it, since the Astra is equipped with not four, not six, but eight loudspeakers. This is another feature of the Astra that delights me. The wonderful stereo system enhances your driving pleasure and keeps you calm and collected when trapped in bumper-to-bumper traffic.

As for reliable performance, the Astra has never failed me these past three years except for the time when a reading lamp was accidentally left switched on in the back. Since I had not used the car for two days and nights, the battery was drained and the engine would not start.

While having reading lamps in the back is a luxury for a 1.6-liter car, in the Astra they are located next to the folding hand grips for rear seat passengers. This makes it easy for anyone removing a jacket hanger to inadvertently switch on a reading lamp.

Another thing I don't like about my Astra is the absence of an integrated anti-theft alarm system (although it has an engine immobilizer) and an automatic door lock control. The driver has to lock and unlock the doors manually. The Astra also lacks levers for unlocking the trunk and fuel tank cap, to open these the driver's door lock has to be manually pulled up.

All things considered, however, after three years of ownership and 17,801 kilometers, I am glad I chose an Astra as my second car.

TODAY'S BUMPER STICKER: Two peanuts were walking down the street. One was a salted.

(E-mail comments to asevilla@inquirer.com.ph)

Norkis braces customer service

By Charles E. Buban

WHEN Norkis Automotive Resource Corp. opened its new complex in Mandaluyong City early this year, its people said they are now ready to take on more challenges.

Indeed, the new complex, located on Libertad Street (just a few meters from Edsa), will bridge some of the gap that Norkis has to contend with before.

"We only have our Cebu stockyard then where we can keep most of our vehicles as well as source the spare parts," says Porti Vencer, Norkis national marketing manager.

"That's a huge distance and our customers here in Luzon will not accept anything less than to have our immediate response and the fastest service," he explains.

Vital functions

The Norkis complex houses all the vital service and after-sales functions:

- **Service center**—Norkis built 16 bays which can accommodate 30 to 40 units (for maintenance or repair) a day. The center is equipped with Daimler-Chrysler engine analyzers as well as other special tools and will be manned by two technicians, two supervisors and a service manager.
- **Parts depot**—Some 30,000 line items of genuine Mopar spare parts for Chrysler, Dodge or Jeep brands are stored within this facility.
- **Service training center**—After-sales staff of Norkis dealers are sent here for training, familiarization of product and getting additional instruction on handling repairs and customer care.

Fresh instructions coming from regional DaimlerChrysler office on warranty, recalls, repairs and parts supply are also sent here for relay to the rest of the Norkis staff.

• **New vehicle storage**—Chrysler, Dodge or Jeep vehicles now have a much safer and better storage area.

With this new area, Norkis can now house more than 100 units protected from the elements.

• **Predelivery inspection**—New units coming in from Cebu stockyard are inspected and washed here. Mechanical, electrical and transmission tests are also done to ensure that all units for delivery are in excellent condition.

• **Delivery point**—Here, Norkis people can give final instructions and let their customers inspect their vehicle before turning over the keys.

Great American brand

Vencer says that since they are selling a great American brand—Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep—they need a facility that can meet the standard these vehicles require.

"We need top-of-the-line facilities as well as highly trained staff members to deal with our customers, this facility can provide these requirements."

He believes that no matter how excellent the vehicle and how advanced its features, customers will still consider the support they can get once their vehicle requires checkup, maintenance or repair.

"This complex is really what we have envisioned: to have a one-stop area where our customers can go to," says Vencer. "It makes the process much convenient for the customer and for us, too."

LTO saboteurs pulling down Lastimoso

FULL TANK



Al Mendoza

IT is generally understood that Isuzu Philippines Corp. will be the hardest hit when the Excise Tax Law is signed into law. That's because Isuzu does not produce passenger cars, the vehicle of choice, according to experts, when the law gets into effect.

The law sets new taxes for vehicle prices based on value. On layman's term, value means factory. Thus, when the government starts to levy taxes on the next car you buy, it will be based on factory price. Because passenger cars naturally come cheaper than AUVs, SUVs or even commercial vehicles, a sales boom in passenger cars is being predicted this early.

Already, Toyota and Honda have taken the lead—Toyota unleashing its bantam car, the Vios, and Honda its New City. Both models come "cheap" and are widely perceived as the cars to beat by Christmas.

The Senate has approved on second reading the new Excise Tax Law just hours before adjournment last June 6. It will just be a matter of formality before it is signed into law.

It will not be until July 28 when the Senate reconvenes.

But even as the Excise Tax Law is almost a done deal, our car companies have yet to reconcile themselves with reality, which is, that pending its final approval, they couldn't stamp the final price on their vehicles. As of now, people have fallen in line awaiting

with bated breath the factory price of the new Honda Accord. (Flash report from Tin-Tin Reyes: Automatic P1,280,000, L Automatic P1,398,000) The Accord is an all-time hit that previous buyers are itching to own the latest version of it.

"Ever since I owned one, I have become the Accord's No. 1 fan," said a friend of mine, who has given his down payment for the new model even as its price is to be pegged—at the earliest—either in August or first week of September.

He said he does not care what colors to choose from, "although my preference is silver. The important thing is, I need to own another Accord. Mine is already old."

When I asked how old is old? "Five years," he said.

Do you know that LTO chief, Bobby Lastimoso, gets to be ignored by some of his regional and district officers? I mean my spies tell me many of his directives don't get past first base. Which is a shame since Lastimoso seems to be a well-meaning person.

Among Lastimoso's grand in-

tentions are geared toward the insurance association, the private emission testing and the computerization of the LTO.

His memo alone of Feb. 17, 2003, on the emission testing of vehicles prior to registration, requiring LTO officials to submit to mandatory validation of emission test results through the LTO IT system, was without teeth for months and counting because his own men kept on disobeying it. On May 5, 2003, he revised his memo after succumbing to pressures applied by a power group (PETC, etc.) that influenced the noncompliance of his own officials and employees. What a shame.

Lastimoso's amended directive that took effect on May 19 has not been heeded, with many PETCs not complying with mandatory validation of emission test results and many LTO officials continuing to register vehicles without the Certificates of Emission Compliance (CECs) that are duly authenticated and verified by the Motor Registration System of the LTO-IT system.

The slowdown is that Lasti-

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HOW can I make my automatic transmission last longer?
—Sheildon Arcenas of Angeles City

Heat is the No. 1 source of transmission trouble—something we have to contend with a lot in traffic. Automatic transmissions contain an oil-like fluid to cool and lubricate the mechanism. Under high temperatures, the transmission fluid could burn and lose its lubricating qualities. When the fluid breaks down and loses its viscosity, it no longer effectively lubricates the transmission. This causes premature and excessive wear and results in transmission failure.

The level and quality of the transmission fluid should be checked regularly. It should be clear and red. If it gets dark or smells burnt, have it changed.

Conditions that could subject your transmission to a lot of stress are driving with a heavy load, continuous stop and go traffic in hot weather and racing.

To help maximize your transmission life, keep your engine tuned. If you've got a poorly running engine or a defective engine control system sending inaccurate commands, you could be punishing your transmission.

Have your drivetrain components checked and maintained on a regular basis. And most of all, read your owner's manual and follow the maintenance schedule specified there particularly for the transmission fluid and filter change.

And here's a few more quick tips: Never shift to Reverse or Park until the car comes to a complete stop. Use the same type of transmission fluid as specified in the owner's manual or on the dipstick. Some vehicles can be very sensitive to fluid type. And finally, if you discover any leaks, get it fixed right away; don't wait for things to get worse.

VITAMINS FOR YOUR ENGINE



Trooper club takes first baby steps

By Tessa R. Salazar

A MEDICAL mission for the Dumagats in the Karahumi Settlement Area in Bulacan in September 2002 changed the future, somewhat, of Isuzu Trooper owners and executives of Isuzu Philippines Corp.

That civic activity led to the formation of the Trooper Club. Over 200 Trooper owners responded from the membership applications, which were distributed.

A core group had to be established first, however, said Isuzu Philippines officials. IPC then randomly picked 25 members to form the core group.

Ranging in ages from 32 to 60, Trooper Club members—described by motoring writers as “low-key folks”—filled the Casa Manila Patio Intramuros, Manila, May 31, 2003 for the official forming of the Trooper Club.

Members came from varied professions. Some were doctors, lawyers, owners of small and medium enterprises, retired executives, and company managers. The core group envisions the club to be a venue for exciting activities, perks, links and many other privileges.

The club will serve as a venue for Trooper owners to acquire technical information and assistance, opportunity to share common interests in automobiles, lifestyles, professions and civic activities.

The Trooper Club was formed for Isuzu customers with target participants from 1997 to 2002 who bought their Trooper from Isuzu



ISUZU Phils. execs jam with the club. Seated from left: Arthur, Toru, Kazuhiko, Katsuhiko; standing from left: Eric, Dondi, Joseph and Timmy

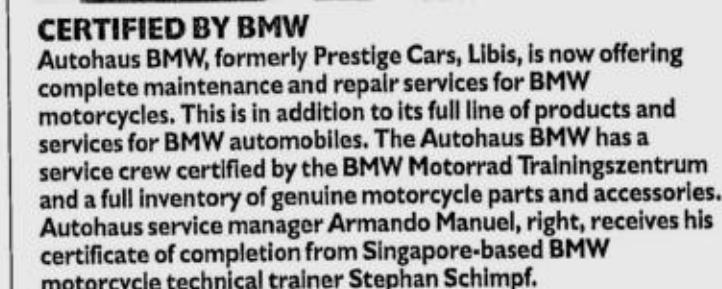
Philippines' dealership network. Any immediate family member of Trooper owner may also become a member.

Trooper club can only give or provide benefits, privileges and activities. It is primarily an avenue for activities and events. It can also serve as a venue for feedback concerning

products and after-sales concerns.

To be sponsored by Isuzu initially, the organization will eventually become independent. Trooper Club is a nonprofit organization.

The next “pit stop” for the Trooper Club will be in August.



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Autohaus BMW, formerly Prestige Cars, Libis, is now offering complete maintenance and repair services for BMW motorcycles. This is in addition to its full line of products and services for BMW automobiles. The Autohaus BMW has a service crew certified by the BMW Motorrad Trainingszentrum and a full inventory of genuine motorcycle parts and accessories. Autohaus service manager Armando Manuel, right, receives his certificate of completion from Singapore-based BMW motorcycle technical trainer Stephan Schlumpf.

Racing is. . .

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with Pia, but after the first year she was the lone female jostling for position in the male-dominated race. She would always be among the top five finishers, however. Seeing her determination, her parents allowed her to train seriously in racing.

Winning streak

Pia trained with race champion Edgen Dy-Liacco, who managed his own racing school. Under Edgen, Pia won one kart race after another. But budget constraints hounded her, and she was unable to finish a season because of it. She stopped racing for six months.

In September 2002, barely a week before the Arthur Tuason Racing Cup, Edgen invited Pia to compete. It was during this race Pia's father watched her in competition for the first time. Pia won the Arthur Tuason Cup, besting 25 other racers.

Pia then enrolled in the Tuason Racing School managed by racing champ JP Tuason and his team of instructors.

Pia, however, continues her studies as a mass communications student. And when she's not outrunning the men at the circuit, she says she also “fancies” tennis, golf, baseball, ballet, volleyball, swimming, soccer and karate.

Pia says racing has taught her a lot, instilling road discipline in her. “Before, all I would think about was (I had to) drive fast. That was foolish. *Madaming pwedeng madamay sa ganayang pag-iisip* (Other people could get hurt with that kind of thinking).”

'Car sick'

Before she first sat inside the go-kart, Pia wasn't always fasci-

nated with cars. As a child, she says she often got “car sick” and had to sit at the front, otherwise she would vomit.

But no sickness, it seemed, could derail Pia's date with destiny. Eero, a businessman and a driving enthusiast, hails from Finland where champion F1 drivers such as Hakkinen, Raikonen and other renowned karting and rally drivers trace their roots. Pia's friends would often kid her that racing was really in her blood because of her Finnish lineage.

Pia's younger brother Ken, 19, has also trained in a few racing clinics himself, and has shown great interest in racing side by side with his big sister.

Helping spark her interest

Eero helped spark her interest in cars. He would show his daughter how to utilize the power of the vehicle through swift gear shifting. Almost every day, he would explain practical driving tips to Pia, who was all ears and eyes. She describes Eero as a quick, fast and alert driver, while mom Mila balanced this energy with sound, defensive and safety-conscious driving.

“When I started karting, most of what the racing teachers told me I already heard from my dad,” says Pia.

“I started driving around the block when I was 16. And I really got trained at a driving school; mom wouldn't let me drive until I had proper training.”

Two of her former boyfriends erred in asking Pia to choose between karting and them. She chose karting without hesitation.

Groundwork. . .

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hard. Usually, students step on the brakes too lightly and the cars don't stop on time.

Students also have difficulty timing the downshift with the clutch and the braking and the heel and toe play (throttle play).

Timing is the problem when the car jerks forward.

In the lap sessions, drivers are required to downshift and turn corners properly. What usually happens is they overshoot the corners because they have difficulty downshifting, and subsequently don't get the right line.

Proper downshifting and learning how to shift into the correct gear obviously help maintain

the car's transmission and engine from getting damaged.

“You can't just put it into a lower gear by just dropping it in the gear. You have to match the road speed and the engine speed or else you get a jerking motion,” JP says. In extreme cases you can even damage the engine.

The BRC is viewed as student-friendly with more runoff areas and grassy parts. So is the Ford Lynx.

“The handling of the car really suits new drivers. Coming into the corners it is very quick. If you put it on the direction you want, it follows in an instant unlike other cars which are more twitchy if you maneuver it on a certain direction,” JP says.

LTO saboteurs. . .

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moso's directive is being blatantly ignored, making for an LTO that is without a backbone. How then can Lastimoso kill the root of the problem, which is the continued commission of emission test fraud, if he does not enforce the validation of the authenticity of these test results, as required?

I hate to say it but President Macapagal seems justified when she gave Lastimoso that infamous tongue-lashing. Further, Lastimoso could be really digging his own grave by his continued lack of political will to enforce directives he himself had crafted.

Even on the issue of insurance policies or Certificates of Cover (COCs), everybody knows by now that millions of pesos are lost annually to insurance fraud. Already, the Insurance Commission and the Insurance & Surety Association of the Philippines have admitted that 3 out of 4 COCs are either fake or unauthorized.

I'm sure Lastimoso knows about this and likewise realizes that it can best be solved if the COCs are authenticated and

verified online and real time through an IT system that is integrated with the Motor Vehicle Registration System of the LTO-IT Project. Alas, up to now, the ISAP and its member-insurance companies continue to defy Lastimoso's directive contained in the circular of Feb. 14, 2003.

Why Lastimoso continues to handle the LTO saboteurs with kid gloves is a jigsaw puzzle; it defies logic. The solution is but very simple: Lastimoso must pursue the spirit of his directives, backing it up by putting the LTO-IT system in place. Everybody knows that only by computerization online will all hocus-pocus in the agency be annihilated. Only by doing that will Bobby, the pride of Roxas City other than Mar Roxas, be able to evade another dressing down by Ate Glo.

Any comment, Sir?

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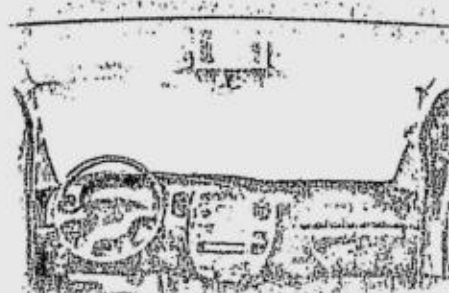
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BUSINESS

BSP needs bureau to check bad creditors

By Doris C. Dumlaog

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas is pushing for the creation of a private sector-led nationwide credit bureau to help rid the banking industry of bad creditors.

"We have been pushing the BAP (Bankers Association of the Philippines) to work overtime on this and work closely with the other financial institutions, particularly the credit card association, because it would save them billions of pesos in credit losses that could be avoided if we had an appropriate credit bureau," BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura told reporters yesterday.

The establishment of a centralized credit bureau in the country, Buenaventura said, would force banks to reduce their finance charges, which currently account for between a third and half of their prime lending rates.

"I remember that credit card companies set aside almost 6 percent of their earnings (as loss provisions) and that is the excuse they are using—that the reason why they charge high interest rates is that they need to cover for credit card losses," Buenaventura said.

"My feeling is that the good payers end up subsidizing bad payers and therefore, they should really try to minimize that," he added.

The banking industry has been saddled by the rising incidence of credit card loan defaults, which could be partly attributed to the lack of a common database of bad creditors.

The BSP chief noted that some bad creditors would default on their payments to as many as four banks before they are barred from getting a new credit card from another bank.

"If they (banks) would only share their database, maybe they could avoid some of these pitfalls," Buenaventura said.

The three institutions functioning as credit bureaus in the Philippines are the BAP Credit Bureau Inc. (BAPCBI), Credit Information Bureau Inc. (CIBI) and PhilBizInfo Bureau of Credit. These agencies provide other credit information on classified loans, cancelled credit cards, court cases and overdrawn accounts.

RP to start fruit exports to Egypt

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE PHILIPPINES has closed a deal to start exporting fruits and other agricultural products to Egypt, the Department of Agriculture said yesterday.

The memorandum of agreement was signed by Agriculture Secretary Luis P. Lorenzo Jr. and Egypt Deputy Prime Minister Amin Wali.

Lorenzo said the MOA with the Egyptian government was part of the department's campaign to open up new export markets for local agricultural products.

Egypt is the latest among the Middle East countries to accept Philippine products following Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

After Egypt, the DA is targeting other non-traditional markets such as Kenya, Congo and South America.

Lorenzo added that Egypt was willing to provide training courses to help the Philippines increase its fish production.

Under the agreement, Egypt will train at least 100 Filipino scholars on new fish production technologies.

The DA would soon start screening potential scholars under the program.

In a related development, the Philippines is working on a tractor for fruits counter-trade arrangement with Iran.

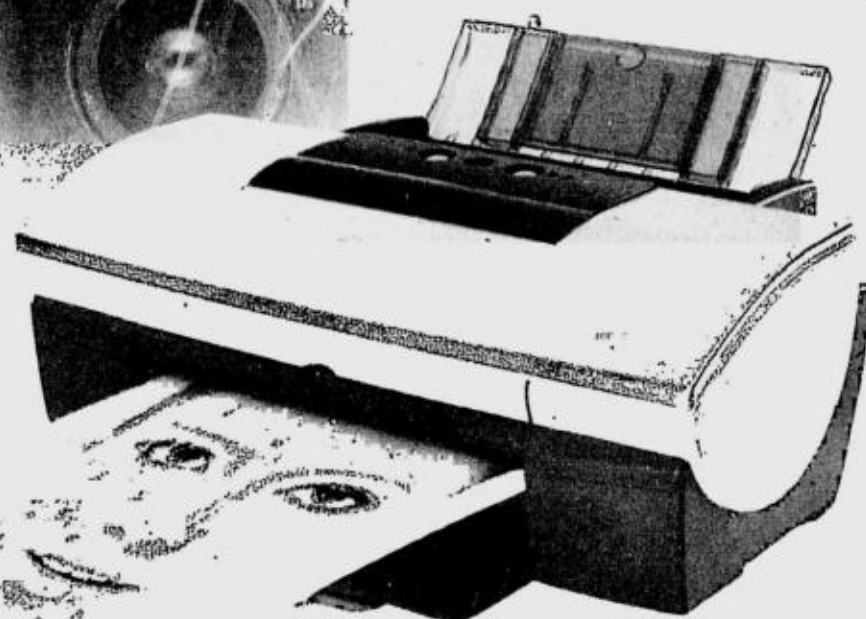
The deal would require Iran to lower its tariff rates on Philippine bananas and allow the entry of other agricultural products such as coconut, pineapple, mango, papaya, seaweeds and carrageenan, tuna, tilapia and milkfish.

In return, the Philippines would import Massey Fergusson tractors manufactured in Iran that local farmers could use in tobacco, corn and sugar production.

"The concept looks good so both the Philippine and Iranian sides are now threshing out details of the agreement," Lorenzo said, after receiving a report from DA Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service director Salvador Salacup.

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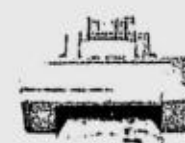
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Time for frost-a-cake birthday party

By Eufemia C. Estrada
Contributor

Got kids

who are

tired of

balloons

and

clowns?

There are

other ways

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celebrate

with fun

IF your kids are no longer excited about a clown's tricks at birthday parties, it's time to look for alternatives.

My grandniece was once invited to a pottery class for a friend's birthday and it was a great hit, with each guest going back a week later to pick up the ceramic piece she had painted herself that had to be fired. That piece has become one of her treasures.

Recently, I had a house cake decorating birthday party for two grandnieces with them decorating their own birthday cakes.

Marga, then 7, had been bugging me if we could please, please, make a gingerbread house as our next family cooking lesson.

"Too hard," I kept brushing her off. "What we can do is a house cake."

But we had to wait for the right occasion to make one or the activity would not have been significant. Christmas 2002 would have been fine but everyone was too busy to squeeze this in.

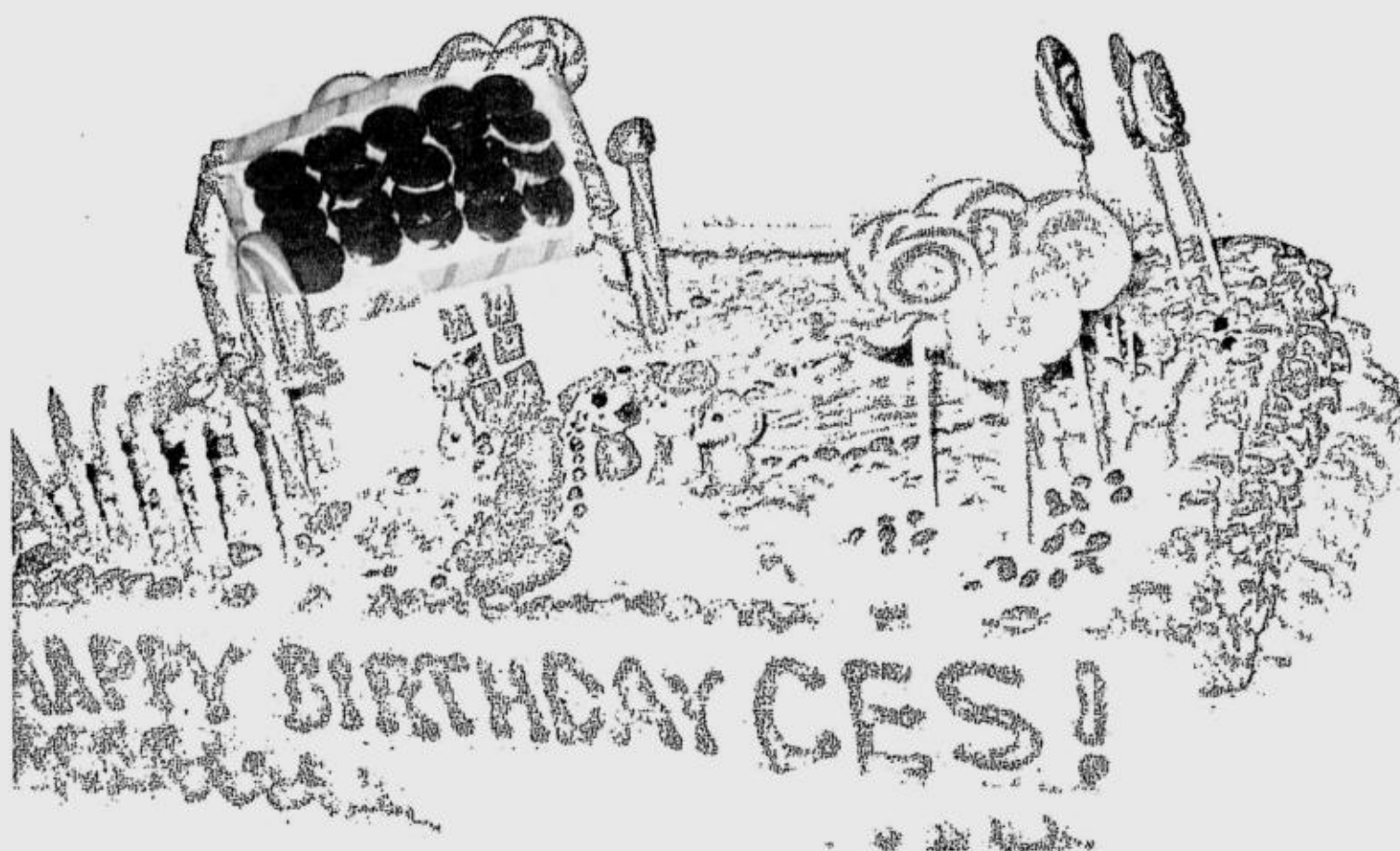
Right occasions

Marga's eighth birthday last April provided just the right occasion to merit a grand performance. It was so successful we scheduled another one for her cousin Ces' sixth birthday in May. Two house cakes within a month!

Despite the aversion of Marga's mom for nitty-gritty tasks, we scheduled Marga's house cake decorating two days before her birthday, which fell on Good Friday.

Everybody who was home at the time, young and old, male and female, pitched in and let their creative juices flow. The house cake was a sight to behold. It sent Marga dancing, the older siblings teasing her no end about cutting it up and eating the candy decor. To which the birthday girl declared, "Hands off!" till her birthday two days hence.

Alas, before the day was over, the roof had collapsed, the strawberry creme candy used being top heavy and the frosting too soft to hold it in place on the slanting roof.



Two lessons

A teary Marga called up the following day for the frosting recipe. After talking it over with Marga's mom, it was decided that she would scrape off all the frosting and candy décor and redecorate the cake from scratch. This brings us to Lesson No. 1: A mother will do anything, go to great lengths, to make her child happy.

The redecoration was made in the morning of Marga's birthday and it was just perfect by party time with the cousins for guests. Lesson No. 2: A house cake is best decorated shortly before the big event.

Ces' house cake was decorated just before the blowing of candles, after the games supervised by elder sister Ina and cousin Noelle.

Among the audience to the noisy decorating session were the proud parents of the two girls, non-bakers all.

The brains and brawn behind the monumental task were bakers who loved doing the nitty-gritty, Lola Med and Lola Femy.

House cake recipe

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Assorted kakanin Coffee/hot chocolate Ripe mango	Clear soup Lasagna Garlic bread Blueberry cheesecake	Instant crab and corn soup Fried fish with sweet and sour sauce Rice Ice cream

From soup to dessert: How to impress your mom-in-law

By Dorothy MJ Ferreria
Contributor

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW is coming for dinner, and it gives the young bride the jitters. What to serve on the dining table? One secret is to serve a complete meal from soup to dessert. The second secret is to use instant mixes as shortcuts (instant soup, instant marinade, etc.) that will make your menu planning easier, giving you more time to set the table complete with all the trimmings, including flowers from the market. The third and most important secret is that not everything should come from the kitchen; an item or two can be bought, such as a cake from the bakeshop or even barbecue or *lechon manok* from the stalls nearby. All you have to do is dress it up with homemade sauce or complement it with paella.

Forewarned is forearmed—keep the secrets in mind, and the next time your mother-in-law comes to visit, it should be a breeze preparing a meal for everybody to enjoy and bond together.

Chef's Salad

- 1 small head iceberg lettuce, washed and shredded
 - 1 carrot, peeled and sliced into sticks
 - 1 cucumber, peeled and sliced into rounds
 - 2 eggs, boiled, peeled and quartered
 - 1 pc chicken breast, boiled with salt and pepper, skinned, deboned and sliced into chunks
 - 2 slices sweet ham, sliced into thin strips
 - 1/2 bar cheddar cheese, sliced into sticks
- Dressing:**
- 3/4 c bottled mayonnaise
 - 1/4 c tomato catsup
 - 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
 - 2 tbsp pickle relish
 - 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 hard cooked egg, peeled and chopped
 - freshly ground black pepper to taste

Arrange the ingredients for the salad in a large platter. Cover with a sheet of plastic



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food film. Keep chilled.
To prepare the dressing combine the ingredients in a bowl and chill. Transfer to a gravy boat or small bowl and serve on the side.

Baked Pork Chops with Savory Rice Filling

- 6 regular-sized pork chops, with pockets, or 4 large pieces
- Marinade:**
- 1 tbsp minced garlic
 - 1 tsp rock salt
 - black pepper to taste
 - 1 tsp dried rosemary
 - 2 tsp olive oil
 - 1 tsp calamansi juice
 - 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 tsp soy sauce
 - 1 tsp garlic flavored liquid seasoning
- Stuffing:**
- 1 c cooked rice
 - 1/2 c chopped spring onions
 - 1 tsp soy sauce
 - salt and pepper to taste
- Curry sauce:**
- 1/4 c butter
 - 1 pc pork broth cube
 - 2 tsp curry powder
 - 1/4 c all-purpose flour
 - 2 c fresh milk

Combine the ingredients for the marinade in a glass or stainless bowl. Mix well. Add the pork and mix well. Cover with a sheet of plastic food film. Let stand for at least an hour. Preheat the oven to 375 °F.

Combine the ingredients for the stuffing in a bowl. Divide into 6 equal portions. Stuff the pork chops. Arrange in an ovenproof dish and bake for 35-45 minutes or until the porkchop is done. Test doneness by piercing with a fork. The juice from the pork must be clear and not pinkish.

Prepare the sauce while the pork is in the oven. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the pork cube and the curry powder. Sauté until fragrant. Add the flour and mix well. Pour in the milk and continue to cook, stirring continuously with a wire whip until somewhat thick. Pour over the baked porkchops and serve immediately.

Store-bought Lechon Manok with Orange Sauce

- 1 pc lechon manok
- Orange sauce:**
- 1/4 c orange marmalade
 - 2 tbsp soy sauce
 - 1/4 c freshly squeezed orange juice
 - 2 tbsp white sugar
 - grated rind of 1 orange
- Garnishing:**
- slices of fresh orange
 - parsley

To prepare the sauce, combine the ingredients in a saucepan. Place over medium heat and allow to boil, stirring constantly until it becomes somewhat syrupy. Transfer to a gravy boat.

Transfer the chicken to a serving platter. Garnish with slices of orange and parsley. Serve the prepared sauce on the side.

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 - cooking oil for pan-frying
 - 3 pc hamburger buns
 - 3 tbsp Magnolia Gold Butter
 - 3 tbsp orange marmalade
- Slice Spam into 1/4-inch thick pieces to make 6 slices. Pan fry in hot oil until lightly golden. Drain in paper towels. Set aside.

Assembly: Spread a tablespoon of butter onto split side of bun. Spread a tablespoon of orange marmalade on top. Place 2 pieces of Spam on top. Top with the other half of bun to make a sandwich. Makes 3 sandwiches.

Pure Delight Chicken Hotdog Taco

- 500 g Pure Delight Lotsa Cheese Chicken Hotdog
 - 1 pack 6" flour tortilla
 - 1 can (310 g) Purefoods Spaghetti Meat Sauce
 - shredded lettuce
 - mayonnaise
- Pan-fry chicken hotdogs. Place a hotdog in the middle of a flour tortilla and top with spaghetti meat sauce, lettuce and mayonnaise. Roll like a *lumpia*. Wrap in bake or grease-proof paper to secure its shape. Microwave on high setting for 1 minute. Makes 8 to 10 servings.



Chicken Arroz a la Cubana

- 1 tbsp *achuete* seeds fried in
 - 1/2 c vegetable oil
 - 1 tbsp minced garlic
 - 1/2 c chopped onions
 - 1/2 c chopped red and green bell peppers
 - 1/2 c diced potatoes
 - 500 g Magnolia chicken *giniling*
 - 1/3 c raisins
 - 1/4 c green peas
 - 3 tbsp soy sauce
 - 1/2 tsp black pepper
 - 2 tbsp oyster sauce
 - 1/2 tsp sugar
 - fried *saba* banana
 - fried egg
- Sauté garlic and onions in *achuete* oil. Add bell peppers, potatoes and chicken *giniling*. Add raisins, green peas, soy sauce, oyster sauce, black pepper and sugar. Cook for 8-10 minutes over moderate heat. Serve with fried banana, *saba*, and egg. Makes 6-8 servings.

Monterey Hamburger Steaks with Gravy

- 1 pack Monterey Beef Burgers
 - 2 tbsp Magnolia Gold Butter
 - 1 pc beef bouillon cube
 - 1/4 c all-purpose flour
 - 3 c water
 - 2 tsp soy sauce
 - 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
 - 1/2 c chopped mushrooms (optional)
- Melt butter in a saucepan. Add beef bouillon cube and mix well. Blend in flour and mix to form a thick paste. While stirring, slowly add water. Cook until thick while stirring continuously. Season with soy sauce and pepper. Add mushrooms if desired. Mix well and set aside. Cook burger patties ac-



CHICKEN Hotdog Taco

ording to package directions. Serve with prepared gravy.

Serving suggestions: Serve *baon* with Monterey Burger patties on a sizzling platter. Makes 6 servings.

Monterey Pork Tocino with Star Rice

- 1 pack 250 g Monterey Pork Tocino
 - cooking oil for frying
 - 1/4 c Star Classic Margarine
 - 1/4 c frozen assorted vegetables (green peas, corn and carrots)
 - 3 c leftover steamed rice
 - 1 pc egg, lightly beaten
 - salt to taste
 - chopped spring onions
- Pan-fry *tocino* according to package directions. In a wok, melt Star margarine. Sauté vegetables and add rice. Mix well. Make a hole at the center and stir in egg and spring onions. Mix well. Remove from heat and transfer to serving containers. Top with sliced pork *tocino*. Makes 3 servings.

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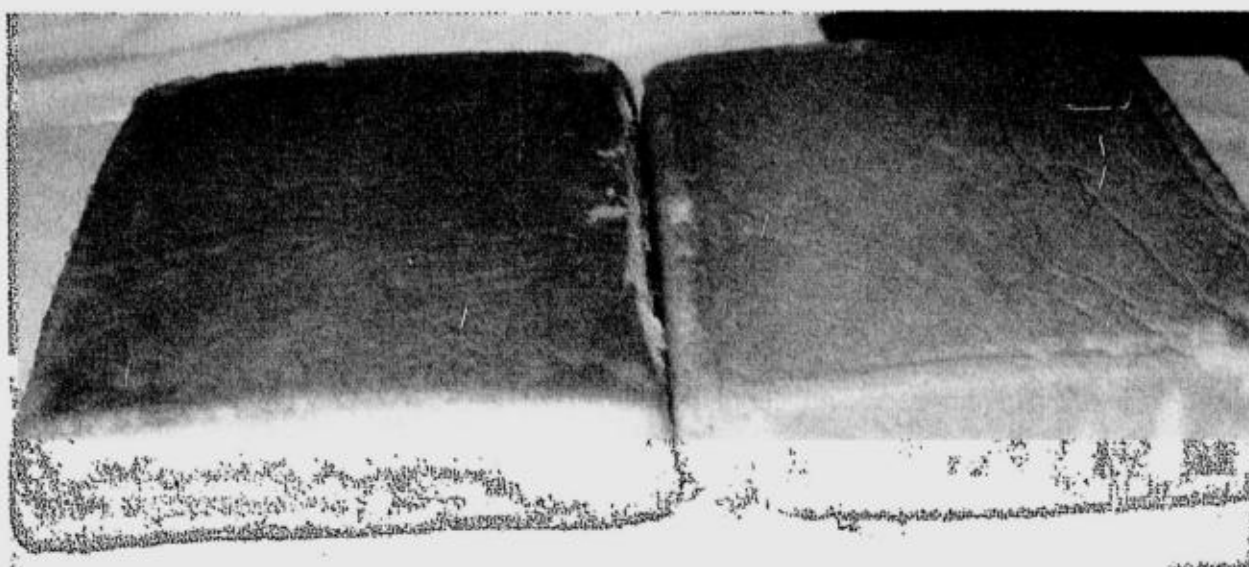
Time for frost-a-cake birthday party

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1 9"x13" layer of butter cake (or better still two layers)
1 butter cake baked in house mold
1 recipe boiled frosting
Assorted candies like Lifesavers, Skittles or M&M, strawberry creme, orange gumdrops, lollipops, gummy bears, strawberry sticks, chocolate courveture, colored Chiclets, long strips chewing gum, any small colorful candies
1 box toothpicks
2 barbecue sticks (to keep the house steady)

Step by step

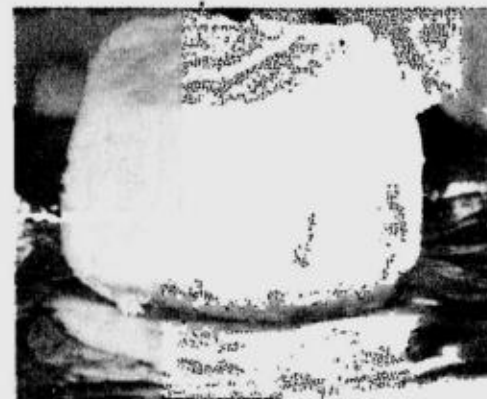
Day before:
Step 1: Bake the cakes. Cool.
Step 2: Prepare stand made of plywood or corrugated carton, leaving a 2" allowance all around. If you're using two 9"x13" cakes for



BAKING two 9"x13" cakes leaves more room for creative landscaping.



HOUSE and base frosted with white boiled icing, ready for the fun decorating



HOUSE cake unmolded doesn't look much like a house, but wait till it's frosted.



MARGA'S colorful house cake sends her giddy with happiness.

the base, prepare a stand 17"x22".

Following day:

Step 4: Place two rectangular cakes side by side to form one big cake 13"x18" (see photo above).

Step 5: Cover the stand with greaseproof paper or aluminum foil.

Step 6: Remove house cake from mold. Position house cake preferably on one corner of the base. Frost house cake (see top right photo).

Step 7: Let the fun begin. Arrange all the candy available for decorating the cake.

Step 8: Decorate the house first, starting with the roof. Use flat, round candy for this. For Marga's cake, we used strawberry creme, for Ces' cake, chocolate courvetures.

Simulate a tiled roof with overlapping shingles. In Ces' cake, the children were carried away by the landscaping they had to be reminded to add the details of a house.

Step 9: Decorate the landscaping. With constant guidance, the kids—Marga, Ina, Noelle, Ces and even 3-year-old Andrea—painstakingly added the candy details. The grownups added a pool, built a bridge, covered it with frosting and added small colorful candy for cobblestones. A handrail made from the orange gumdrops was added, too. The candy canes were transformed into lamp posts, the lollipops into trees.

Step 10: Marga's mom, Dimpy, who had the steadiest hands among the grownups, piped out the birthday greetings on one side of the cake. To make sure the letters fit, Benz, the architect, was tasked with outlining the letters on the frosting with a toothpick. A dark shade of the desired color for the greeting and a medium-size tip were used.

Step 11: Finish off the cake with a border and position medium birthday candles on the

cake.

Be warned: This activity will only work with a small group of 10 kids or less, with a few grownups to supervise.

For a bigger group, maybe a cupcake decorating contest can be held. Prizes can be given out for the funniest cupcake, the most creative, the most imaginative; the scariest, etc.

It's going to be somewhat messy, but a hilarious time is guaranteed all—young and old, male and female. Try it.



MARGA with her house cake, which she helped decorate

More recipes for 'baon'

JAZZ up your kids' lunchboxes, while ensuring they get nutritious meals, with these dishes from culinary experts including chef Nancy Reyes Lumen.

Just add a little Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce and savor the difference. You can prepare these dishes early and freeze until needed. They are ready to pack in serving portions. (Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce is a product of HP Foods Ltd. of the United Kingdom.)

Cheese and Herb Croquettes

¼ c butter
¼ c all-purpose flour
1 c stock
2 c milk
¼ c Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce
½ tsp pepper
½ tsp garlic
1 c quick-melting cheese, grated

¼ c fresh basil, chopped
Breeding:
1 c all-purpose flour
1 egg, beaten
1 c Japanese breadcrumbs
oil for deep-frying

Melt butter in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat. Blend in flour to make a roux (or thick paste). Remove from fire. Pour in stock little by little mixing continuously to prevent lumps from forming. Blend in



ADOBO Drumsticks

milk and Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce. Mix until smooth. Return to heat and simmer until thick. Add in garlic, cheese and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Remove from heat and let cool. Blend in chopped basil. Transfer to a bowl and chill until firm enough to handle. Form chilled bechamel into croquettes or sausage-like shapes. Dredge in flour, then dip each croquette in beaten egg and lastly, coat in breadcrumbs. Repeat this process until all the croquettes are breaded. Deep-fry in hot oil until golden brown and serve immediately. Serves six.

Adobo Drumsticks

1 kg drumsticks or chicken pieces
¼ c soy sauce
2 tbsp vinegar
¼ c water
2 tbsp Lea & Perrins

Worcestershire Sauce

2 tsp coarse salt
2 tsp peppercorn, freshly ground
5-6 cloves garlic, finely minced
1 bay leaf (optional)

Combine all ingredients and use this to marinate the chicken pieces. In a deep microwave-safe dish, arrange the chicken pieces with the meatier parts facing outwards. This arrangement will ensure even cooking. Microwave for 8 minutes on high setting. Check for doneness. If needed, microwave for another 30-60 seconds.

Prepare juicy and crunchy chicken drumsticks for your kids' school lunches with a big difference—use HP Barbecue Sauce. The sauce has all the hearty flavors of instant barbecue. (Other quality sauces available from the makers of Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce are HP Foods Ltd. of the United Kingdom HP Sauce, HP Fruity, HP Chili and HP Curry.)

Sesame Fried Chicken

4 chicken drumsticks, skinned
Marinade:
2 tbsp lemon juice
2 tbsp HP Barbecue Sauce
1 tbsp Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce
½ tsp pepper
½ tsp sugar
½ tsp salt
50 g flour
1 egg, beaten
125 g sesame seeds

Prick skinned chicken all over with a fork. Combine all the ingredients for the marinade in a shallow dish. Marinate drumsticks for 1 hour. Remove drumsticks from marinade, coat in flour, then in beaten egg. Coat the drumsticks with sesame seeds. Heat enough oil and deep-fry drumsticks until cooked. Serve hot with lemon wedges and a green salad. Serves four.

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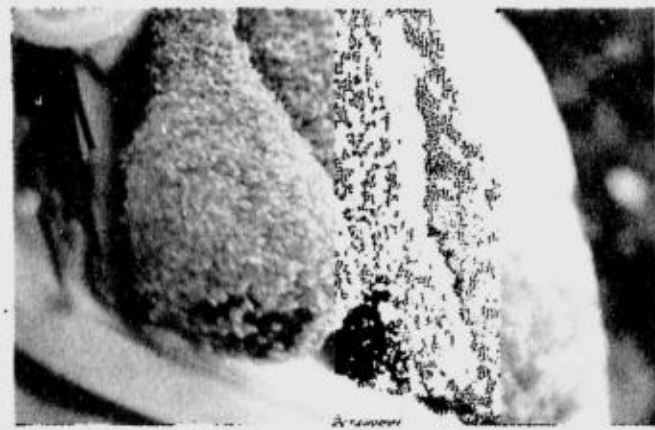
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SESAME Fried Chicken

Cooking up the weather

THE JOYFUL Cook was making a special dinner to celebrate Jose Rizal's June 19 birthday. Not only adults were on the guest list but nephews and nieces still in grade school.

Eight-year-old Jun was expected to recite the poem promoting Tagalog, supposedly written by Pepe in 1869 when he was the same age. No one has found the original manuscript so it should be classified as simply oral tradition or Rizal lore, but it's such an inspiring story for would-be writers.

TJC was checking the ripeness of Laguna carabao cheese to see if she could throw it into her green salad along with *pan de sal* croutons fried quickly in virgin coconut oil, fresh oregano and crushed *siling labuyo* without seeds.

The cheese was an item Pepe had asked his sister Narcisa to bring him while he was aboard the cruiser *Castilla* on Aug. 12, 1896, awaiting the boat that would take him to Spain. He had arrived from Dapitan where he'd been in exile for four years and was expected to proceed to Cuba where he would serve in the Spanish army as a physician while clandestinely studying how Cuban revolutionists waged war. He wanted to adapt their techniques to the Philippine situation, which was already in the early stages of the Bonifacio-led revolution.

Since Pepe was from Laguna, the menu also featured *buko* pie in the Los Baños manner. TJC had spent much of the morning making the pies that she usually served with *macapuno* ice cream and sometimes a sprinkling of roasted *pili* or *pinipig*, or even slices of *saba* and mango "drunk" with rum.

Suddenly, it sounded as if hell had found its way into heaven. She thought the roof would collapse from the heavy downpour. "I must work some magic if not to tame the weather at least to calm myself," she told St. Sandok, the talking spoon she inherited from Lola Uning.

Recipe for sunshine

"We certainly will not have *cocido*," TJC announced. Tradition in many cultures around the world dictates to boil food only when rain is desired. It's what anthropologists call sympathetic magic. One form of sympathetic magic is based on the Law of Similarities: like attracts like rather than opposites; an effect re-



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sembles its cause.

"If we make any kind of soup-based dinner tonight we might even end up with *siyam-siyam*, nine days of rain followed by another nine. If one novena can be taxing no matter what one is praying for, imagine doing it twice! Let's forget even *sinigang*."

"Why not cook up something Rizal ate?" Sandok ventured.

"I remember he wrote home from Madrid about a meal he had in 1883 with 15 compatriots. Felix Ressureccion, the famous painter; Pedro Paterno, who negotiated the Biak-na-bato Peace Treaty in 1897 between the Spanish monarchy and Philippine revolutionary forces under Emilio Aguinaldo; as well as other Filipinos abroad who included Emilio and Esteban Villanueva, Manuel de Iriarte, Eduardo Lete, Valentin Ventura, Juan Fernandez and Federico Calero. They got together at the Paterno home. They were probably homesick. So they cooked up and ate with their hands rice, stewed chicken, *adobo*, *fritada* and roast suckling pig. Each of them contributed a peso toward the special occasion.

"The lunch stretched onto dinner because after each dish the men walked about preparing their stomachs for more comfort food. They asked the owners of the house the Paternos were renting not to let anyone know they were in so as not to disturb the feast. The 16 guests consumed 14 pounds of rice, five chickens and 4 pounds of beef. Pepe wrote that 'of the suckling pig that cost us a peso and a half, not a bone was left,'" she recounted. "The Madrid meal reminded Pepe of a time when he and his brother Paciano had eaten in Pansol with someone named Marianito cooking 'wonderful dishes.'"

"Guess I should make *lechon kawali*



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with chicken liver sauce, a flavorful *adobo* that is fried after hours of simmering in a spiced vinegar marinade, and maybe thin beefsteaks pan-fried with olives and fresh tomatoes. That should make the rains go away or, at least, keep the tummies happy whatever the weather," TJC announced.

Baking the saints

"*Nanag*, with accent on the last syllable, is an old Tagalog word for roasting fruits, nuts and tubers," Sandok remembered. "Other words for roasting include the nouns *banggi* and *pagbabangi*, meaning to broil on live coals. *Ihaw* is the popular Tagalog synonym."

"Philippine languages, Tagalog among them, has some very subtle distinctions that imply developed sense of awareness. For instance, if a meat is classified as *sinalab*, also meaning 'roasted over charcoal,' it is not as well done as *ihaw* nor is it crispy. *Sinalab* implies a product similar to *darang*. Roasting something tied to a spit, like *lechon*, is described as *talibubo* for instance, and not just *ihaw*," he added. "*Asado*, on the other hand, means it is oven-roasted."

"*Guisa* from the Spanish *guisar*, means to sauté—a form of quick frying. However, it also means to stew because sautéing is often the initial step in braising, in

stewing meats that are first browned before they are slow-cooked," Sandok said.

"Nana Itay used the term *tayang-tang* for slow-fire cooking. But if a dish is described as '*natayang-tang*' it means it was overcooked when broiled," TJC remarked. "Maybe it was not unusual for the cooks to leave the *palayok* and its contents over a slow fire and forget about it. The result would be a crust where there shouldn't be, a dried-put stew, or meats more tender than expected."

"But speaking of leaving things to cook, I remember that in some towns, if it hasn't showered or not rained by May 15, an image of San Isidro, whose feast it is that mid-month, is left outdoors in the heat. The idea is to make the *santo* feel the heat and thus bring rains needed by farmers who have him as their special patron," TJC recounted. "It's not quite *io-ben ang santo* since there is no oven or *hurno*. But it is baking the saint. The image is returned to safety only when rains fall. Imagine a now antique and rare *santo* to that was overbaked!"

"Well, whatever you do, TJC, just remember not to burn the dinner. It's the National Hero's birthday, and he'd surely appreciate a meal he can taste in heaven," said Sandok with an angelic smile in his voice.

Next: All the King's men

Lectures on starting a food business

The Maya Kitchen Culinary Arts Center offers classes on starting a Pinoy fast-food business (*carinderia*, *pondohan*, *lugaran*,) on June 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at its office on the 8th floor, Liberty Building, Pasay Road, Makati City.

The lectures will include technical and operational aspects of the food business, hygiene, sanitation and safety, menu samplers, use of extenders, and cooking demonstrations of popular low-cost fast-food recipes such as *lomi*, *pork asado*, fresh and fried *lumpia*, *pancit malabon*, *adobong pusit*, and barbecue.

On the same day, at 4:30-6 p.m., a Gulaman Delights class will also be held. Learn how to make Cathedral Window, Buko Pandan Salad, Moulded Fruit Desserts and Icebox Cake, and enjoy a bonus lesson on edible centerpieces.

Lectures on Workshop and Bartendering will be held on June 21 and 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topics will include creative techniques for efficient table setting and attractive arrangement, napkin folding and skirting, suggested selling techniques, order-taking, table-setting, serving beverages, lectures on different wines and spirits classifications, types of glasses, and mixing and serving drinks, plus a bonus recipe for special *pulutan*.

The Cooking II (Comprehensive Cooking) course will be on June 24-27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This course is ideal for career cooks. There will be instructions on standard techniques of preparing basic stocks, soups and sauces applicable to 1,001 recipes, salads and dressings, main dishes, potato cookery, pasta and rice, techniques of deboning and filleting fish and chicken, use of herbs and spices to cooking, basic garnish for plate and platter presentation. Free lunch will be served.

On June 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., make "oishi" meals in the Japanese Cooking course. Learn how to prepare Miso Soup, Mixed Tempura, Sukiyaki, Kamameshi; assorted Sushi; Kappamaki, Tekamaki, California Maki and Nigiri.

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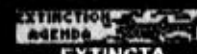
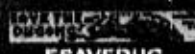
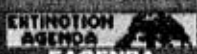
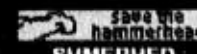
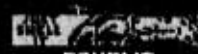
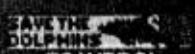
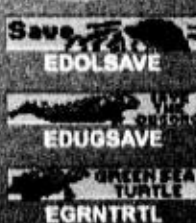
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Filipino coffee joins ranks of world's best

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LIVELY. Earthy. Full-bodied. Very Filipino. These are the words that best describe Starbucks' latest coffee blend that pays tribute to Filipino ingenuity and potential.

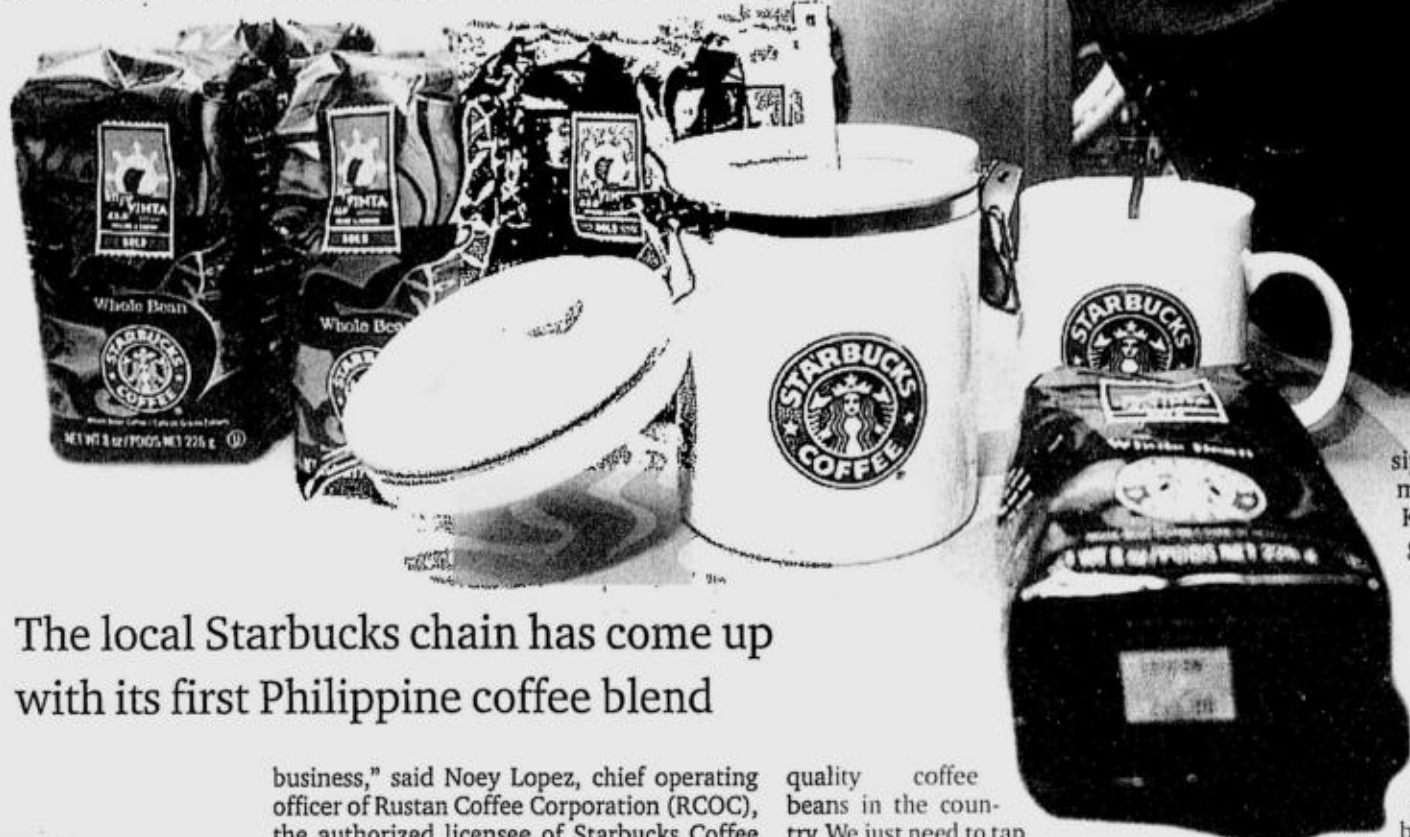
The Kape Vinta Blend, a new Starbucks trademark, is the Seattle-based chain's first Philippine coffee blend, which it hopes would become synonymous with the world's best coffee blends.

Kape Vinta is a combination of premium coffee beans (Arabica) from South Cotabato and Indonesian coffees roasted according to Starbucks standards.

The blend is smooth and strong. It leaves a syrupy feel in the mouth with a lingering hint of spiciness at the end.

Although, the beans are grown in Mindanao, they are brought to and roasted in Seattle.

"Kape Vinta showcases Starbucks' dedication to put roots where the company does



KAPE Vinta Blend leaves a syrupy feel in the mouth with a lingering hint of spiciness at the end.

The local Starbucks chain has come up with its first Philippine coffee blend

business," said Noey Lopez, chief operating officer of Rustan Coffee Corporation (RCOC), the authorized licensee of Starbucks Coffee International. "It's our affirmation of Starbucks commitment to sustainable development in coffee origin countries."

With the launch of Kape Vinta, RCOC is helping improve the perception about the quality of Philippine coffee. "We have high-

quality coffee beans in the country. We just need to tap them and promote them extensively," said Lopez. "Starbucks has been committed to sourcing, roasting and delivering only the highest quality coffee there is. With Kape Vinta we are also helping train our local farmers in the right agriculture practices to produce quality raw coffee, mainly the Arabica variety, which is extensively grown in the country."

Work of art

To give a Filipino look to the product, renowned artist Mauro "Malang" Santos designed the product stamp for Kape Vinta, which features the brightly colored boat used in southern Philippines.

"We are honored to work with a respected artist like Malang in this endeavor. We have only high regard for his inspiring zeal towards creating art that reflects the wondrous heritage and traditions of the Philippines," said Lopez.

Kape Vinta is now available in ½-pound flavor-lock packs in all Starbucks outlets in the Philippines. Starbucks is promoting the new blend by getting as official endorsers noted designer Josie Natori, multi-awarded athlete Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski and composer and musical director Ryan Cayabyab.

"It's great to see our own Kape Vinta Blend up on the Starbucks shelves together with the renowned coffees from all over the world," said Maestro Cayabyab during the launching of the new Starbucks product last Monday. "What's even greater is drinking it. With each

cup, I'm inspired to continue to promote Filipino music to put it, like Kape Vinta, up on the shelves together with internationally acclaimed musical pieces."

The Rustan Group of Companies signed in 1997 an exclusive licensing agreement to develop a Starbucks retail business in the Philippines through the RCOC. The first store was opened in December of the same year at 6750 Ayala Avenue, Makati. Since then, 54 Starbucks coffee shops have opened.

"Although our company has been able to serve perfect cups of coffee to distant places such as Baguio City, it will not stop there. We will continue to share the Starbucks experience with even more Filipinos."

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THE MALANG-DESIGNED Kape Vinta stamp features the brightly colored boat used in southern Philippines.



NOEY Lopez, COO of Rustan Coffee Corp., shows off Kape Vinta flavor-lock packs.

Coffee shop has new branch

SEATTLE'S Best Coffee (SBC) opens its newest branch at the Paseo Center, formerly IBM Plaza, on Paseo de Roxas.

Makati City Mayor Jejomar Binay, guest of honor, formally opened the branch along with SBC general manager Frederick Siy.

SBC's menu includes espresso-based beverages like Cappuccino, Latte, Mocha, Breve and Americano. Specialty coffee drinks such as the Raspberry Mocha Kiss, Almond Mocha Joy and Javanilla are also bestsellers along with a wide selection of freshly baked goodies from SBC.

SBC's X-tea drink, in yummy flavors of strawberry, mango and tangerine, is a fresh fruity icy drink with a subtle taste of tea. Blended fresh fruit has ginkgo biloba, ginseng and a day's supply of vitamin C. The Frio, an ice-blended drink with coffee flavor and cream, comes in such flavors as Cafe Frio, Cafe Mocha Frio, Cookie Frio, White Choc Frio and Chai Tea Frio.

SBC also has a wide selection of filling sandwiches like Roast Beef on Dark Rye Bread and Italian Sub sandwich, and salads such as Salad Nicoise and Chef's Salad.



JOHN Aguilar, SBC operations manager; Frederick Siy, SBC GM; Michelle David, SBC marketing manager; Denise Lazaro, R&D officer; Mayor Jejomar Binay; Tess Ignacio, SBC senior cafe manager; Carlito Yu, Roaster's Group CFO; and Joi Meneses, marketing assistant



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Birthdate of: Kathleen Turner, actress; Paula Abdul, entertainer; Salman Rushdie, writer.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Your creative imagination is stimulated today. This definitely makes you more sensitive to everything in the world around you. Enjoy art and music.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Your attitude toward others is particularly sympathetic today. You genuinely want to help anyone who needs your assistance. Whatever advice you offer will be sincere and from the heart.



LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): This is a great day to talk to friends about your long-term goals and dreams for the future. By voicing your fantasies out loud, you clarify them in your own thoughts.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened today, you might be tempted to buy something beyond your budget. On the other hand, if you can afford it, go right ahead.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22): For some strange reason, mystical and spiritual subjects intrigue you today. You are guided much more by your intuition than your intellect at the moment.



VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Your primary concerns at work today are not particularly practical. Perhaps co-workers need your advice and sympathy right now. Be sure to offer this.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): This is the kind of day where you can fall in love at first sight. However, all is illusion. Enjoy your fantasies and infatuations, but do not take them too seriously.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Try to be responsive to the needs of a family member today. Someone likely needs your help. Treat others as you would wish to be treated in return.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Conversations with partners revolve around fantasies, dreams and ideals today. That's just fine. Einstein gave enormous credit to his imagination for the success of his work.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Don't worry if you are tempted to daydream a lot at work today. Simply accept this fact and attend to routine matters that do not require too much concentration.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Time spent with children will be rewarding and pleasurable today. Whatever advice you give to others now is motivated by a sincere desire to help.

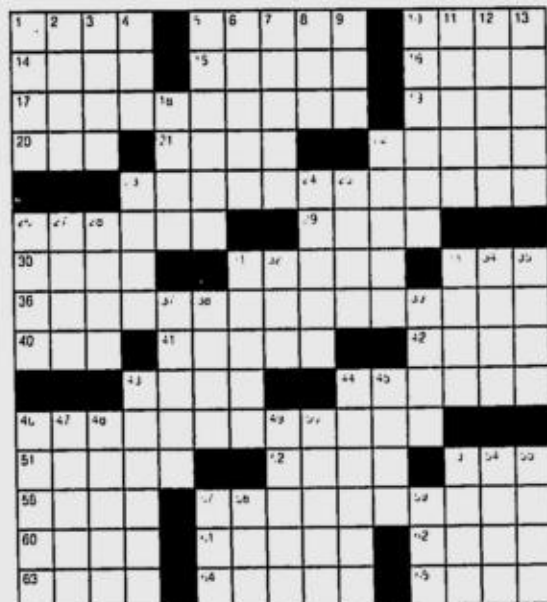


PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Think about unusual ideas you can apply to improving your home or domestic situation in some way. These ideas might not be practical, but they could be the beginning of something for the future.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 In __ (in position)
- 5 Dogpatch man
- 10 Song or slug ending
- 14 Out of control
- 15 Raccoonlike carnivore
- 16 Pinguin
- 17 Extinct bird in Texas?
- 19 Harvest
- 20 Play division
- 21 City near Provo
- 22 Queen's vessel
- 23 Dance in California?
- 26 Capers
- 29 Delicate fabric
- 30 Former capital of Romania
- 31 Essential acid type
- 33 Favorite
- 36 Awestruck in Tennessee?
- 40 Small snake
- 41 "The Beverly Hillsbillies" star



By Philip J. Anderson
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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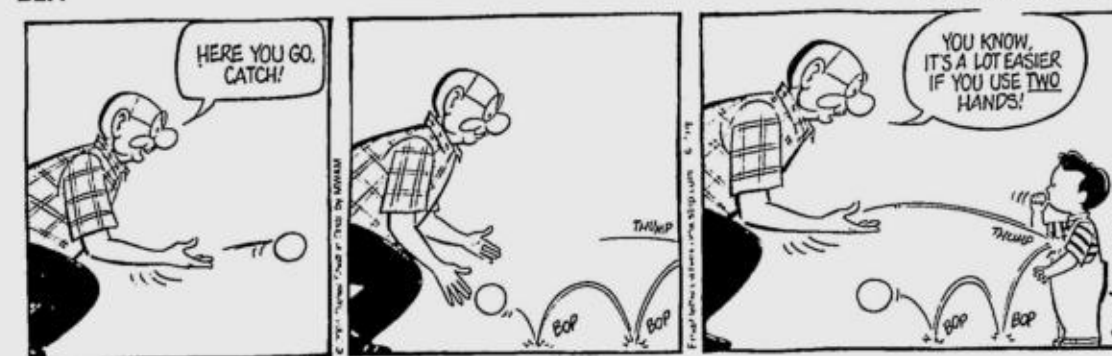
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- 4 Guitar cousin, briefly
- 5 Squirrel's stash
- 6 Foreshadowed
- 7 Ms. Campbell
- 8 Flight info.

- 9 de la Plata
- 10 Search for food
- 11 MacDonald's refrain
- 12 Casual coinages
- 13 Blood group
- 14 Walker of the NFL Hall of Fame
- 15 Powdered chocolate
- 16 Fit of pique
- 17 1988 Nobel
- 18 Band of hoods
- 19 Type size
- 20 College cnes
- 21 Quickly, shortly
- 22 Photographer Adams
- 23 Stooges leader
- 24 With 45D, California city
- 25 First governor of Alaska
- 26 Soaks up rays
- 27 Actor Savalas
- 28 "Ben Adhem"
- 29 Wise mentor

- 30 Cubes and spheres, e.g.
- 31 Kitchen ring
- 32 See 33D
- 33 Army stint
- 34 Florida city
- 35 Cynthia of "Sex and the City"
- 36 Make vertical
- 37 Rustler's rope
- 38 Cher's Sonny
- 39 Absorbed by
- 40 "Fargo" producer
- 41 Drug-testing gip.
- 42 Stimpy's pal
- 43 Pester

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Subscribers are entangled in cable TV woes

A CABLE TV subscriber could have saved herself a lot of trouble if she didn't wait for the monthly bills before paying her account. As it is, she now owes the company three months plus penalty charges. But what's even worse, the credit and collection people had sent her unpaid account to the legal department. She wrote to complain that the delay in payment was the fault of the billing section.

This brings us to two complaints sent by subscribers of SkyCable. First complainant, Arlene V., wrote that since she renewed her subscription in October, she did not receive any billing statement from the company. She assumed bills were sent quarterly or twice every year.

But in mid-April, she stopped getting any television programs at home. When she called up customer service to complain, she was told there was a major repair going on in her vicinity. She was assured the service would be restored that afternoon. When service was not back in the afternoon, she called again and was told a service crew would be sent the following day. She waited in vain all day.

She called customer service the following day, and this time was told that the service would not be restored until she settled her bill and paid penalty charges for late payment. Arlene V. said, "They did not send me any bill or notice of disconnection, obviously gross negligence on the part of their billing department. I hope they would reconnect the service and allow me to pay, but not in lump sum."

The other complaint is about SkyCable's Loyalty Rewards Program. C. de Guzman protested the hassle she experienced waiting for the Adidas gift certificates and Internet cards she was supposed to get in exchange for the points she earned as a long-time subscriber. She said she had to call several times before the certificates were finally available.

De Guzman wrote, "To be sure I got the items, I personally went to their office on the specified dates, otherwise they might not be available again. I hope SkyCable will do something to [eliminate] the burden and inconvenience subscribers go through to avail of their [gifts] in the loyalty rewards promo."

A subscriber, 78-year-old Corazon Villanueva, almost had a stroke when she received a strongly worded letter from the collection agency of SkyCable last May 15. It turned out that the bill in question had been paid 19 months ago. Her granddaughter, May Villanueva, wrote, "My grandmother's blood pressure shot up when she received a notice of final demand and legal action from Telesupport Services Company. She was told to pay P704.69 within five days or face legal action, and that she would be charged all the costs incurred for the legal action. I expect an apology from the person responsible for the error that caused my grandmother

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so much stress."

Subscriber Grace Villena wrote: "Trying to talk to a customer service assistant of SkyCable is an exercise in futility. You start by calling the customer assistance number, 636-7591, an automated call distribution system. It will tell you to press 1 to access SkyCable/SunCable. You do as you are told, and the exasperating wait begins."

"Expect this repetitious series of voice prompts: (1) I'm sorry I can't continue to help you. Please hold while I connect you to a customer service associate. (2) All customer service associates are busy now. We will attend to you as soon as a customer service associate is available. (3) Thank you for waiting. All customer service associates are busy. Please continue to hold and we will attend to you shortly."

Reply to complaints

A spokesperson at SkyCable's customer service explained, "To avoid hassles, we advise our subscribers to please call the attention of our billing section if they fail to receive their billing statement on time. As for the loyalty rewards program, there are two seasons, the first one ended last May 31. Second season will resume Oct. 1 this year. Any and all unclaimed items in exchange for accumulated points will be credited on the next season."

Here are the contact numbers of SkyCable's customer service: 639-7591 (landline); 635-6406 (telex); callcenter@skycable.com (e-mail address).

Feedback on lost ticket

Abdel Jamal Disangco (Camague, Iligan City): "I can relate to the experience of the person who wrote to you about her lost plane ticket. Last December, I lost the ticket I bought from PAL-Ali Mall. I immediately called PAL's hotline and was advised to go to the Ali Mall office to have it blocked. I did as I was told, and since I couldn't get any refund for the lost ticket, I had to buy a new one. It was a stroke of luck that a blessed soul found the lost ticket and returned it right away to PAL. I was later able to get a refund for the blocked ticket."

"What if the lost ticket was not returned to PAL? It is stated on the ticket that no refund is given for lost ticket. Isn't that contract one-sided and beneficial only to the airline company,

and very unjust to the consumer?"

Readers' comments

R. Mendoza (bobbmendoza@hotmail.com): "I like catching the last full show at SM-North Edsa cinema because there are fewer moviegoers. But too often, it's the movie house staff that spoils the fun. People manning the snack stand, together with the janitors and ushers, gather in the theater office and make a lot of noise that disturbs moviegoers. I called the attention of the woman guard who just smiled but didn't do anything about the rowdy crowd. I hope the SM management will do something to discipline its workers."

Terrence To (terrence_cpi@yahoo.com) advised readers to understand the warranty specifications before buying a computer. He related his sad experience: "I bought a Compaq Deskpro-1 two years ago with the understanding that the unit was covered by a three-year parts warranty and one year service warranty. However, when I brought the monitor for repair last month, Compaq's authorized service provider said the three-year parts warranty only covered the CPU. I was told that the monitor was only covered by a one-year warranty." He wrote to Compaq's customer support for an explanation but had yet to receive a reply.

N. Ona is warning the public of a cellular phone scam. His brother got a text message telling him he won P1.8 million in a charity foundation raffle. He related the following experience:

"I called up the contact person, supposedly a lawyer, who said that the charity foundation was under the office of the President. My brother could claim his prize, he said, only if he transferred P36,000 (two percent of the prize) to a given

account number. I was supposed to call the lawyer immediately after the remittance to give my brother's bank account number so they could transfer his prize within 30 minutes."

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International food and beverage expo

THE FOOD and Beverage Event of the year is set on June 25-28 at World Trade Center Manila. Food and beverage products will be showcased daily, as well as baking and cooking demos of

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The Culinary Arts will feature chefs Kim Santos and Penk Ching on June 28 at 1-5 p.m.

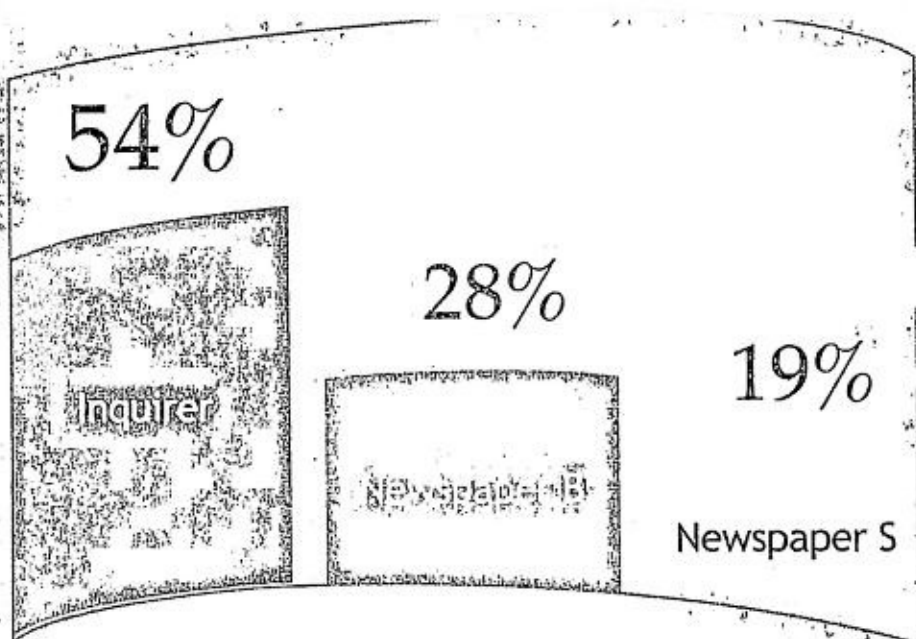
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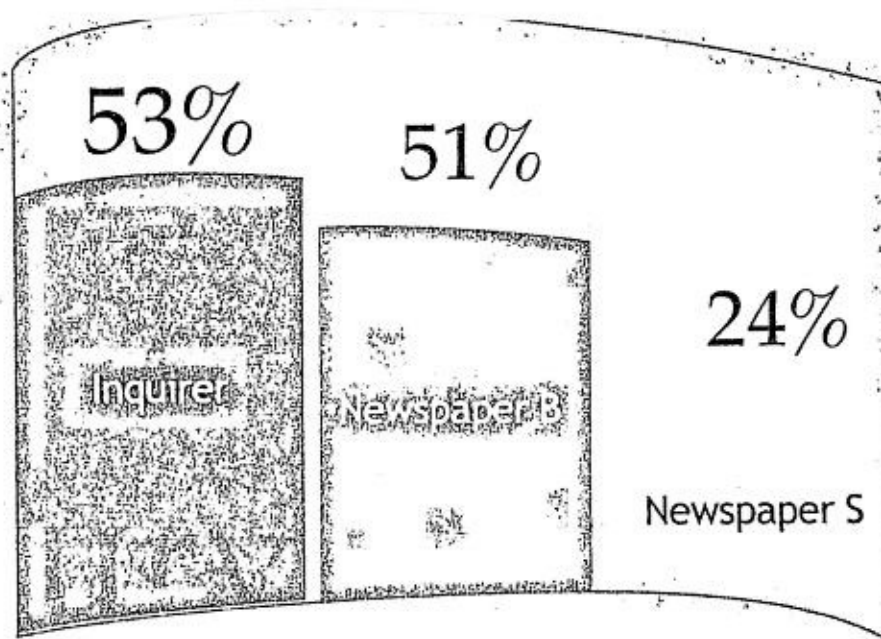
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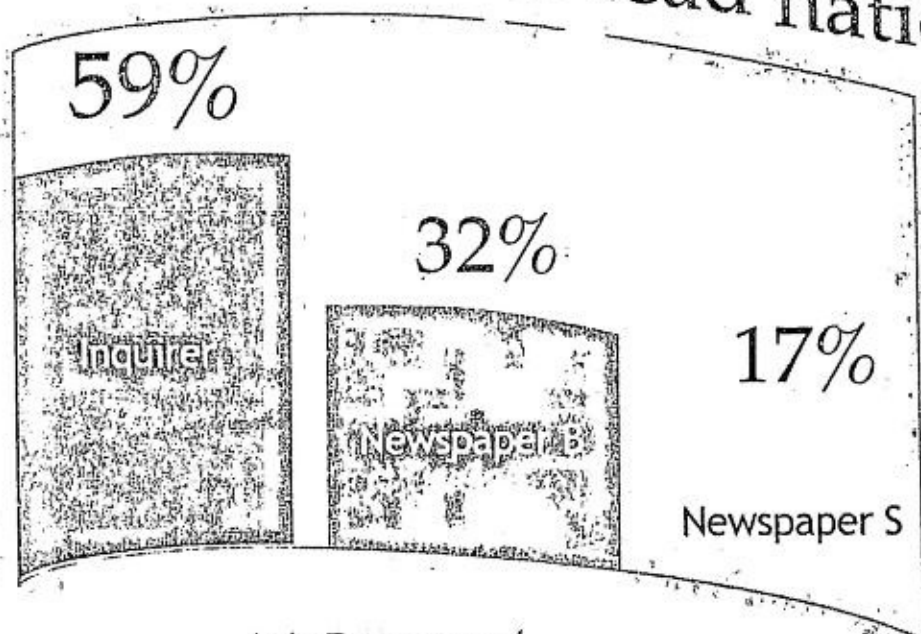


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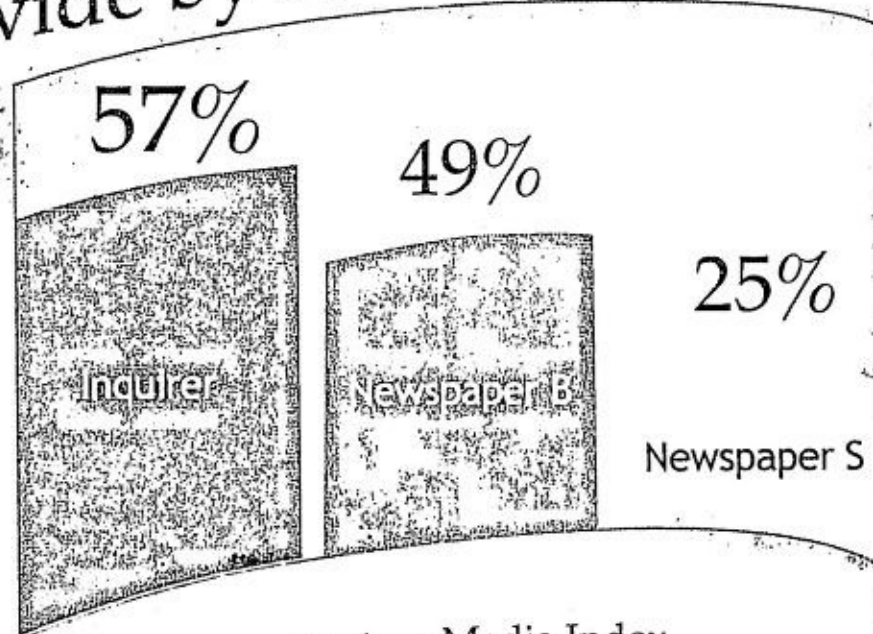


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